United States District Court Southern District of Texas ENTERED

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS GALVESTON DIVISION

May 21, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS IN THE § SPECIAL ORDER G-2021-2

GALVESTON DIVISION UNDER THE \$
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED \$
BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC \$

## **ORDER**

Effective immediately, the wearing of masks is optional for all who enter the United States Courthouse at 601 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Galveston, including both those who work in the building and members of the public. Anyone entering the courthouse who has not been vaccinated against coronavirus is encouraged to wear a mask.

There is just one exception: pursuant to the official district-wide policy of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, all courthouse employees who work with venire panels and jurors will be both vaccinated and masked.

This order remains in effect until the court orders otherwise.

Signed on Galveston Island on the 21st day of May, 2021.

JEFFREY VINCENT BROWN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE