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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re:

Enacting the Continuity of Operations
Plan (COOP)

**RICHLAND COURTHOUSE AND
FEDERAL BUILDING ORDER**

ORDER NO. 21-02

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the public safety measures established through Facility Security Committee, FSC Order No. 20-01 and Richland COOP Courthouse and Federal Building Order Nos. 20-01 through 21-01 are AMENDED as follows:

1. All persons, **regardless of vaccination status**, seeking entry to, or occupying general/public and court spaces in the United States Federal Building and Courthouse in Richland, Washington **shall** wear a mask. The mask, when worn, must completely conceal the wearer’s nose and mouth at all times.
2. The following individuals are exempt from the requirement to wear a face covering:
 - a. Children younger than five years old; and

1 b. Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability
2 that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited
3 to, persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering
4 could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or
5 otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

6 3. The Clerk of Court may provide masks for visitors required to attend court
7 hearings, but all other visitors are to provide their own masks. Family
8 members and other gallery members reporting without a face covering will
9 not be permitted to enter the courthouse and will be redirected to call the
10 public telephone conference line.

11 4. Court employees working in a private office or workspace, which permits at
12 least six feet of physical distance from other persons, are excepted from the
13 requirement to wear a mask while in that private workspace. Masks shall be
14 worn by court employees in all general office or public areas in which
15 physical distancing is not achievable.

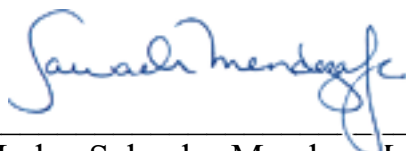
16 5. The United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court Security Officers
17 shall wear masks when transporting inmates and attending Court
18 proceedings. In addition, inmates shall wear masks while in transport and
19 participation in Court proceedings.

1 6. The United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court Security Officers
2 shall enforce this Order by denying entry to those individuals not wearing a
3 mask and removing individuals who gain entry to the courthouse then remove
4 their masks in violation of this Order.

5 7. This Order applies to general/public spaces in the United States Federal
6 Building and Courthouse in Richland, Washington and throughout the
7 courthouse proper, **but is not intended to dictate agency specific policy**
8 **within the federal building.**

9 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the District Court Executive is
10 directed to post this Order to the Court's website and to distribute a copy to each
11 attorney registered in the CM/ECF system.

12 Dated this 28th day of July, 2021.

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16 District Judge Salvador Mendoza Jr.
17 (Resident Active Article III Judge and Designated
18 Official for the Richland Federal Building and
19 Courthouse)
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