

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**IN RE: USE OF MASKS OR  
COVERINGS IN U.S. COURTHOUSES  
IN THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

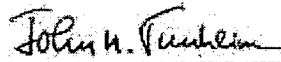
1. Any person, including building tenants, vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, and members of the public, entering the U.S. Courthouse located in Minneapolis and St. Paul must wear a mask or face covering.
  - a. Entry to the U.S. Courthouse in Minneapolis and St. Paul will not be permitted without a mask or face covering.
  - b. Visitors will be offered a mask or face covering by a Court Security Officer (CSO) or Protective Security Officer (PSO) if they do not have one available.
  - c. Masks must be worn in all public spaces within the Courthouses.
  - d. This requirement will be in place until the Minneapolis and St. Paul city mask mandates are lifted and the Court has determined that removing the mask requirement will not adversely impact court operations.
2. Any person, including building tenants, vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, and members of the public entering U.S. Court space in the U.S. Courthouses located in Duluth and Fergus Falls must wear a mask or face covering.
  - a. In Duluth, this requirement applies to the entire fourth floor and the U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office on the second floor.
  - b. In Fergus Falls, this requirement applies to the entire second floor in the U.S. Courthouse and the U.S. Probation & Pretrial Services Office on the third floor.
3. The following exceptions apply to this order:
  - a. The requirement to wear a mask or face covering does not apply to persons who are under the age of 2, any person who has trouble

breathing, or any person who cannot use a mask or face covering without assistance.

- b. Masks or face coverings need not be worn in private work areas or in a courtroom when authorized by the presiding judge. Please note that masks must be worn at all times during court proceedings that involve in-custody defendants.
- c. Any non-court tenant may impose its own mask policy to apply to those who work within or visit its space within a U.S. Courthouse in the District of Minnesota.

This order vacates the order regarding Use of Masks or Coverings in Public Areas of a U.S. Courthouse entered on May 15, 2020. This order takes effect on May 21, 2021 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Dated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 24, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.



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JOHN R. TUNHEIM  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court

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