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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re:

Court Operations Under the Exigent
Circumstances Created By COVID -19

– Courthouse Mask Protocol

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2021-11

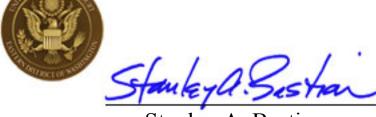
This General Order is being issued pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071(e) and in response to the evolving health crisis caused by the outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19). This General Order will serve as an extension to the efforts established in previous General Orders of this Court, intended to comport with the requirements and recommendations of the Center of Disease Control (CDC) to ensure the safety of the District's litigants, counsel, Court staff, grand jurors, petit jurors, witnesses, and the public.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that effective May 21, 2021, the following CDC guidelines are adopted for mask wear and social distancing in the court-controlled spaces of the United States Courthouses for the Eastern District of Washington (Spokane, Richland and Yakima):

- 1. For purposes of this Order, individuals who have received both doses of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, or have received the single dose of the Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be deemed **fully vaccinated** if fourteen days have passed since receipt of the final dosage of that vaccination.
- 2. Individuals who are fully vaccinated may enter the United States Courthouses in Spokane, Richland or Yakima and will not be required to wear a mask, nor will they be required to practice social distancing while in the courthouse.
- 3. Individuals who are not deemed fully vaccinated pursuant to the definition in Paragraph #1 of this Order may enter the Courthouses in Spokane, Richland or Yakima, but will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing throughout the duration of their visit to the courthouse.
- 4. Mask requirements may be more stringent for in-court proceedings, subject to the presiding judge's discretion.

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

Dated this 21st day of May, 2021.



Stanley A. Bastian Chief United States District Judge