

**May 21, 2021**

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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.

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

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6 1. For purposes of this Order, individuals who have received both doses  
7 of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccines, or have received the single dose of the  
8 Johnson and Johnson vaccine will be deemed **fully vaccinated** if fourteen  
9 days have passed since receipt of the final dosage of that vaccination.

10 2. Individuals who are fully vaccinated may enter the United States  
11 Courthouses in Spokane, Richland or Yakima and will not be required to  
12 wear a mask, nor will they be required to practice social distancing while  
13 in the courthouse.

14 3. Individuals who are not deemed fully vaccinated pursuant to the  
15 definition in Paragraph #1 of this Order may enter the Courthouses in  
16 Spokane, Richland or Yakima, but will be required to wear masks and  
17 practice social distancing throughout the duration of their visit to the  
18 courthouse.

19 4. Mask requirements may be more stringent for in-court proceedings,  
20 subject to the presiding judge's discretion.

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

4           Dated this 21st day of May, 2021.



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9           Stanley A. Bastian  
10          Chief United States District Judge