

Sep 30, 2020

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re:

Enacting the Continuity of Operations
Plan (COOP), Closing the Richland
United States Courthouse to Public
Access,

**RICHLAND COURTHOUSE AND
FEDERAL BUILDING ORDER
RESTRICTING PUBLIC ACCESS**

ORDER NO. 20-08

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the public safety measures established through Richland Courthouse and Federal Building Order No. 20-01 and extended by each subsequent Federal Building Order through No. 20-07, are hereby **FURTHER EXTENDED** through **October 31, 2020**. The United States Courthouse in Richland, Washington will remain **closed** to the public through October 31, 2020, absent further amendment or extension of this Order. This Order does not apply to the rest of the Richland Federal Building.

Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised taking precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including the use of face coverings or masks (hereinafter “masks”) in public

1 settings, therefore, in consultation with the Facility Security Committee for the
2 Richland Federal Building and Courthouse, it is hereby:

3 1. **ORDERED** that effective immediately, all persons seeking entry to, or
4 occupying the United States Courthouse in Richland, Washington must wear a
5 mask. The mask, when worn, must completely conceal the wearer's nose and
6 mouth at all times.

7 2. **ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court may provide masks for visitors
8 required to attend court hearings, but all other visitors are to provide their own
9 masks.

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

15 4. **ORDERED** that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court
16 Security Officers shall wear masks when transporting inmates and attending Court
17 proceedings. In addition, inmates shall wear masks while in transport and
18 participation in Court proceedings.

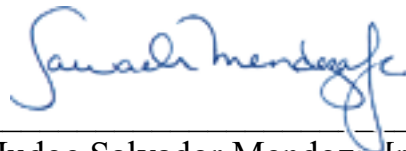
19 5. **ORDERED** that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court
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1 Security Officers shall enforce this Order by denying entry to those individuals not
2 wearing a mask and removing individuals who gain entry to the courthouse then
3 remove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

4 6. **ORDERED** that social distancing measures will be enforced to the
5 greatest extent practicable in all public areas of the Richland Courthouse. These
6 measures will result in a reduced spectator capacity in each of the facilities
7 courtrooms; and

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

11 Dated this 30th day of September 2020.

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