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3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
4 EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

5 In Re:

6 Enacting the Continuity of Operations  
7 Plan (COOP)

**RICHLAND COURTHOUSE AND  
FEDERAL BUILDING ORDER**

**ORDER NO. 20-09**

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10 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the public safety measures established  
11 through Facility Security Committee, FSC Order No. 20-01 and Richland COOP  
12 Courthouse and Federal Building Order Nos. 20-01 through 20-08 are AMENDED  
13 as follows:

14 1. **ORDERED** that effective November 2, 2020, the United States  
15 Courthouse in Richland, Washington, will reopen to the public, and will remain  
16 open to the public absent further amendment of this Order.

17 2. **ORDERED** that effective November 9, 2020, the Jadwin Entrance to the  
18 United States Courthouse in Richland, Washington, will reopen to the public, and  
19 will remain open to the public through normal business hours of the Court.  
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1           3. **ORDERED** that effective November 2, 2020, the United States District  
2 Clerk’s Office and Probation and Pretrial Services Office in the Richland  
3 Courthouse will be open and physically accessible to the public during normal hours  
4 of operations.

5           Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public  
6 health authorities have advised taking precautions to slow the spread of COVID-  
7 19, including the use of face coverings or masks (hereinafter “masks”) in public  
8 settings, therefore, in consultation with the Facility Security Committee for the  
9 Richland Federal Building and Courthouse, it is **FURTHER**:

10           4. **ORDERED** that effective immediately, all persons seeking entry to, or  
11 occupying the United States Courthouse in Richland, Washington must wear a  
12 mask. The mask, when worn, must completely conceal the wearer’s nose and  
13 mouth at all times.

14           5. The following individuals are **exempt** from the requirement to wear a face  
15 covering:

- 16           •Children younger than five years old; and
- 17           •Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability  
18           that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to,  
19           persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could

1 obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise  
2 unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

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

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

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

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

