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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re:

Enacting the Continuity of Operations  
Plan (COOP), Establishing a Face  
Covering/Mask Policy During the  
Exigent Circumstances Created by the  
Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**FSC ORDER NO. 20-01**

**ORDER FROM THE FACILITY  
SECURITY COMMITTEE FOR  
THE RICHLAND COURTHOUSE  
AND FEDERAL BUILDING**

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

1. **ORDERED** that effective immediately, all persons seeking entry to or occupying the general/public spaces of the Richland Federal Building, in Richland, Washington must wear a mask. The mask, when worn, must completely conceal the wearer’s nose and mouth at all times.

1 2. The following individuals are **exempt** from the requirement to wear a  
2 face covering:

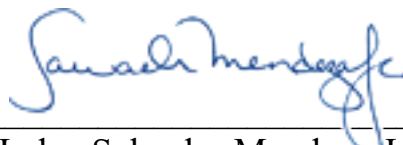
- 3 •Children younger than five years old; and
- 4 •Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability  
5 that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited  
6 to, persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering  
7 could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or  
8 otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

9 3. **ORDERED** that tenant agencies of the Richland Federal Building may  
10 provide masks for visitors to their respective offices and may establish appropriate  
11 protocols for mask use inside the confines of each agency.

12 4. **ORDERED** that the mask requirements and protocols established for the  
13 United States Courthouse in Richland, Washington, through Richland COOP Order  
14 No. 20-04, remain in full force and effect.

15 5. **ORDERED** that the District Court Executive is directed to post this  
16 Order to the Court's website and to distribute a copy to each attorney  
17 registered in the CM/ECF system.

18 Dated this 2nd day of July 2020.

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