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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

5 In Re:

6 Enacting the Continuity of Operations  
7 Plan (COOP), Closing the Richland  
8 United States Courthouse to Public  
9 Access, and Establishing a Preventative  
10 Measures Policy During the Exigent  
11 Circumstances Created by the  
12 Coronavirus (COVID-19)

**RICHLAND COURTHOUSE AND  
FEDERAL BUILDING ORDER  
RESTRICTING PUBLIC ACCESS  
AND REQUIRING FACE  
COVERINGS IN THE RICHLAND  
COURTHOUSE**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-04**

12 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the public safety measures established  
13 through Richland Courthouse and Federal Building Order No. 20-01, and extended  
14 through Federal Building Order No. 20-03, are hereby **FURTHER EXTENDED**  
15 through **June 30, 2020**. The United States Courthouse in Richland, Washington will  
16 remain **closed** to the public through June 30, 2020, absent further amendment or  
17 extension of this Order. This Order does not apply to the rest of the Richland Federal  
18 Building.

19 Furthermore, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other  
20 public health authorities have advised taking precautions to slow the spread of

1 COVID-19, including the use of face coverings or masks (hereinafter “masks”) in  
2 public settings, therefore, in consultation with the Facility Security Committee for  
3 the Richland Federal Building and Courthouse, it is hereby:

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

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

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

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

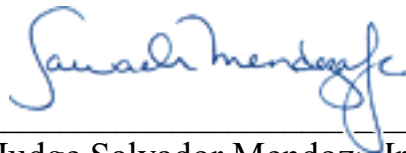
20 5. **ORDERED** that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court

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 facility's  
7 courtrooms; and it is further

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

11 Dated this 1st day of June 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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