

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

In re: Screening Procedure during)
the Public Health Emergency) Misc. Action No. 21-1000-KD
caused by the Covid-19 Virus)

ORDER

1. In response to the updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that fully vaccinated persons do not need to wear masks in certain public settings, *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People*, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html> (updated May 28, 2021), it is ORDERED that all **fully vaccinated persons**, including but not limited to:

Court employees; visitors and parties to cases; jurors; witnesses; attorneys and their support staff including United States Attorneys, members of the Federal Defender’s Organization and members of the Criminal Justice Act Panel of Attorneys; United States Probation Officers; Court Security Officers; United States Marshals; all members of law enforcement; Bankruptcy Administration personnel; General Services Administration personnel including Goodwill employees; maintenance and repair personnel and contractors; cleaning services; vendors; and mail delivery service persons;

are not required to wear a mask while inside the Courthouse, unless specifically instructed to do so by a Court official.

2. In response to the updated guidance from the CDC that “prevention measures are still recommended for unvaccinated people” in indoor and outdoor settings, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html> at p. 5, it is ORDERED that any person who does not affirm that they are **fully vaccinated**, shall be required to wear a mask while inside the Courthouse, unless given specific exception by a Court

official or instructed to remove a mask by an Officer with the United States Marshals Service, the Federal Protective Service, or Court Security.

3. The presiding judge in any court proceeding may also require vaccinated persons to wear a mask during the proceeding, including but not limited to jury selection, trials, hearings, or conferences.

4. The presiding judge in any court proceeding may also authorize the removal of a mask during the proceeding.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further Order of the Court. To the extent inconsistent with this Order, any order in this district is hereby SUPERSEDED.

DONE and ORDERED this the 10th day of June 2021.

s/ Kristi K. DuBose
Kristi K. DuBose
Chief United States District Judge
Southern District of Alabama