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FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
EAST DIV. COLUMBUS

In Re:

**FURTHER ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
ONGOING EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19**

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GENERAL ORDER 22-08

In accordance with the recommendation of the Court's Ad Hoc Committee on Gating Criteria, as approved by the Court's Executive Pandemic Team, and as approved by the Judges of this District on February 14, 2022, it is hereby ORDERED that General Order 22-02 is superseded to the extent set forth below:

- (1) Provision 1 of General Order 22-02 is retained and modified as follows: All visitors to each of the three Courthouses in the Southern District of Ohio (including but not limited to jurors or potential jurors, contractors, Naturalization petitioners, and attorneys) and employees, irrespective of vaccination status, are required to wear facial coverings (i.e., face masks) to gain admittance to the Courthouses and must wear said facial coverings in public common areas of the Courthouses such as elevators, building entrances, lobbies, and corridors. The Judicial Officers and Court Unit Executives have discretion with respect to requiring facial coverings in their respective offices, chambers, and courtrooms.
- (2) Provision 2 of General Order 22-02 is retained as follows: All Court employees and externs will be required to advise Human Resources of their vaccination status – by a date certain to be communicated to said employees and externs – by submitting their COVID-19 vaccination status attestation form (supplied by the Court) to Human Resources, unless an exemption has been granted by the Chief Judge on medical or religious grounds. This vaccination policy will also apply to judiciary contractors, including Court Security Officers (“CSOs”). The CSOs will be required to follow local United States Marshals Service policy for collecting and maintaining the attestation forms and for requesting exemptions on medical or religious grounds.
- (3) Provision 3 of General Order 22-02, discontinuing twice-weekly testing for unvaccinated employees, remains in effect. The Court will reserve its supply of antigen tests for use by employees who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19.
- (4) The suspension of jury trials during the month of January 2022 is hereby lifted. Jury trials resume effective February 1, 2022.

- (5) Grand jury proceedings will continue at the discretion of the United States Attorney.
- (6) Judicial Officers in each seat of Court have discretion to determine whether Naturalization proceedings should continue in their respective seat of Court.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 16, 2022



ALGENON L. MARBLEY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE