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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** : **GENERAL ORDER 22-09**  
**ONGOING EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES** :  
**CREATED BY COVID-19** :

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and as approved by the Judges of this District on February 25, 2022, it is hereby ORDERED that General Order 22-08 is superseded, effective **March 1, 2022**, as follows:

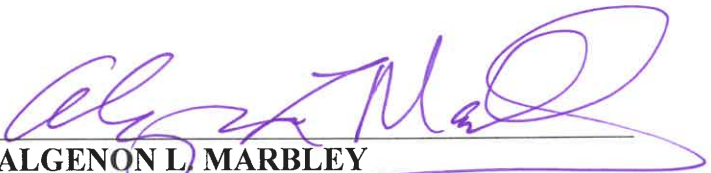
- (1) The Court suspends the requirement in each of the three Courthouses in the Southern District of Ohio that individuals wear masks in common areas. The Court also suspends the requirement that all visitors to the Courthouses (including but not limited to jurors or potential jurors, contractors, Naturalization petitioners, and attorneys) and employees, irrespective of vaccination status, wear facial coverings (i.e., face masks) to gain admittance to the Courthouses. Masks are optional within the Courthouses, and building signage will reflect that fact.
- (2) The Judicial Officers and Court Unit Executives have discretion with respect to implementation of additional safety protocols, including requiring facial coverings in their respective offices, chambers, and courtrooms. With respect to non-Court personnel, including GSA and the CSOs, masking shall be determined by their respective employing offices.
- (3) The Court eliminates the temperature screening requirement for visitors to the Courthouses.
- (4) The Court eliminates the practice of asking visitors to disclose and evidence their vaccination status upon entry.
- (5) Judicial Officers are encouraged to implement a mask requirement during events involving a large number of participants, and all potential jurors are to be masked during *voir dire* until a final jury is selected.
- (6) Judicial Officers presiding over a hearing in a courtroom other than their own are to consult with the Judicial Officer to whom the courtroom is assigned regarding the protocols for his or her assigned courtroom.

- (7) Grand jury proceedings will continue at the discretion of the United States Attorney.
- (8) 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 28, 2022**



**ALGENON L. MARBLEY**  
**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**