

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

<b>IN RE:</b>	:	
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<b>USE OF MASKS OR FACE</b>	:	<b>STANDING ORDER</b>
<b>COVERINGS IN PUBLIC AREAS OF</b>	:	
<b>THE JAMES A. BYRNE U.S.</b>	:	
<b>COURTHOUSE</b>	:	

This Standing Order is issued in response to the ongoing coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the available public health guidance regarding precautions that should be taken to avoid exposure to the virus and prevent its spread. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has recommended that face coverings be worn in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. The Governor of Pennsylvania has recommended that residents of the Commonwealth wear a mask any time they leave their homes. The Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health has directed that masks be worn by customers and employees at businesses authorized to conduct in-person operations in the Commonwealth. In light of the foregoing public health guidance, to protect the health and safety of Court personnel and all those entering the James A. Byrne U.S. Courthouse, with the concurrence of the Facility Security Committee, including the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, the Circuit Executive’s Office, and the U.S. Marshal, and in consultation with GSA, it is ORDERED as follows:

1. All visitors to the James A. Byrne U.S. Courthouse in Philadelphia, including vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, and other members of the public, shall be required to wear a mask or face covering that covers the wearer’s nose and mouth when entering the building and when in common or public areas of the Courthouse. Visitors are expected to supply their own mask or face covering.

2. Any visitor seeking entry to the courthouse without a mask or face covering will be provided a mask by the Court.

3. Members of the Court staff and members of the staff of other tenants of the James A. Byrne U.S. Courthouse shall be required to wear a mask or face covering when entering the building and when in common or public areas of the Courthouse. Court staff and staff of other Courthouse tenants need not wear a mask or face covering in private work areas, provided that six-foot physical distancing from others can be maintained.

4. This Order shall take effect on Monday, June 1, 2020, and shall remain in effect until amended or vacated.

5. This Order shall be enforceable by the United States Marshals Service and the Court Security Officers.

/s/ Juan R. Sánchez  
Juan R. Sánchez  
Chief Judge

Date: May 28, 2020