

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

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

This Standing Order amends the May 28, 2020 Standing Order regarding the use of masks or face coverings in common or public areas of the James A. Byrne U.S. Courthouse in Philadelphia.

On May 13, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new interim public health recommendations for those who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in non-healthcare settings. The CDC recommended that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask or physically distance themselves from others, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. On July 27, 2021, the CDC issued revised guidance, recommending that fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission in order to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others. The CDC continues to recommend that those who are not fully vaccinated take precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, including wearing a mask in indoor public places and maintaining six feet of physical distance from others. The CDC also recommends that fully vaccinated people who are immunocompromised continue to take precautions until advised otherwise by their healthcare provider.

Since the CDC issued its revised guidance, the level of community transmission in Philadelphia County has increased from moderate to substantial. Transmission levels remain

substantial in Philadelphia and several other counties in this district. Accordingly, with the unanimous agreement of the Facility Security Committee of the Byrne Courthouse, it is ORDERED that, effective August 2, 2021, the May 28, 2020 Standing Order regarding the use of masks or face coverings in common or public areas of the Byrne Courthouse is AMENDED as follows:

1. Effective August 2, 2021, all persons entering the Byrne Courthouse are 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, regardless of vaccination status. Visitors are expected to supply their own mask or face covering. Any person seeking entry to the Courthouse without an appropriate mask or face covering will be provided a mask by the Court.

2. Persons who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are required to maintain physical distance from others when entering and when in common or public areas of the Courthouse.

3. This Standing Order shall remain in effect until amended or vacated. The Facility Security Committee will continue to closely monitor conditions with regard to COVID-19 in this district and will amend this Order as circumstances permit.

4. This Standing 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: August 2, 2021