

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE:

CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC
EMERGENCY

USE OF FACE COVERINGS IN
COURT FACILITIES

ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
20-078

WHEREAS, the Court has adopted the Plan for Phased Resumption of Operations (“Reopening Plan”) and issued Amended General Order No. 20-08, concerning the phased reopening of the Court;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised taking precautions to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, also known as “Coronavirus,” including recommending the use of face coverings in public settings; and

WHEREAS, Federal Protective Service Commander Jae Jung issued a memorandum requiring face coverings for entry and in all common spaces within the Federal Building at 300 N. Los Angeles Street, effective May 4, 2020;

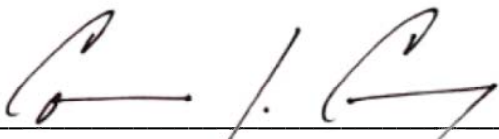
THEREFORE, in accordance with the Reopening Plan and in order to protect

1 public health and safety, the Chief Judge orders as follows:

- 2 1. All individuals, except those who are exempt, seeking entry to, or
3 occupying, the United States Courthouses or Probation and Pretrial Services
4 Offices in the Central District of California must wear face coverings in all
5 spaces. The face covering must completely conceal the individual's nose
6 and mouth at all times. Individuals who are exempt include: children
7 younger than 2 years of age; anyone who has trouble breathing; anyone who
8 is unable to remove the face covering without assistance; and anyone who is
9 unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition.
- 10 2. This Order does not apply to the courtrooms and chambers of individual
11 judges. Individual judges will determine the face covering policy for their
12 respective courtrooms and chambers.
- 13 3. Court employees who are alone in a non-public, private office or
14 workspace, which permits at least six feet of physical distance
15 from others, may temporarily remove their face coverings.
- 16 4. The United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court Security Officers
17 shall enforce this Order and deny entry to individuals not wearing face
18 coverings.
- 19 5. Individuals who are denied entry will be asked to contact the office or
20 courtroom to be visited to explore alternatives to entering the building.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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23 DATE: June 1, 2020

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27 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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