

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: POLICY ON USE OF FACE
COVERINGS AND COURTHOUSE
ENTRY DUE TO COVID-19.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2021-04

The Court has continued to monitor the local and national emergency occasioned by the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have now advised that people who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 may safely resume activities that they did prior to the pandemic without wearing a mask or physically distancing. But for those who are not fully vaccinated, one of the most effective ways to protect against the spread of disease continues to be the use of cloth face coverings. In accordance with that guidance, effective Tuesday, June 1, 2021:

1. *Fully vaccinated* persons in a federal courthouse in Nebraska shall not be required to wear face coverings in the courthouse, although they may still do so if they choose.
2. Persons who are *not fully vaccinated* shall, in public spaces in the courthouse, wear a face covering that covers both nose and mouth and is effective to prevent the spread of coronavirus.
3. For purposes of this General Order, in accordance with CDC guidelines, a person is "fully vaccinated" against COVID-19 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. Individuals shall honestly determine their own vaccination status and follow the appropriate requirements while in the courthouse.

4. Any unvaccinated person who has business with the Court, and who does not have a face covering, will be provided with one by the Court.
5. Nothing in this General Order shall prevent the presiding judge in a court proceeding from directing or permitting the use or removal of face coverings by participants in that proceeding.
6. No person shall enter a courthouse if they have been asked to self-quarantine by any health care provider or public official, have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or are presently exhibiting symptoms consistent with COVID-19, including:
 - fever of 100.4°F or above,
 - a sudden onset of a cough or shortness of breath, or
 - a new loss of taste or smell.
7. Court Security Officers may enforce this order by excluding any person from the building who does not comply with its requirements.
8. This General Order supersedes General Orders [2020-10](#) and [2020-11](#), and those General Orders are rescinded as of June 1, 2021.

Dated this 27th day of May, 2021.

BY THE COURT:



John M. Gerrard
Chief United States District Judge