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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

IN RE: ENTRANCE SCREENING AND
WEARING OF MASKS IN NORTHERN
DISTRICT COURTHOUSES

GENERAL ORDER 21-04
Third Amendment

ORDER

Recognizing the continued but reduced threat posed by the ongoing presence of the COVID-19 virus throughout the Northern District of Georgia and desiring to protect the health of those entering District courthouses, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all persons entering courthouses of the United States District Court in Atlanta, Gainesville, Newnan, and Rome, including employees and contractors, will:

- (1) Review the COVID-19 screening questions posted at the entrances to each courthouse and attached to this Third Amendment to General Order 21-04; and
- (2) Not enter the courthouse in the event the person answers yes to any of the screening questions.

Until further notice, masks and social distancing are not required in public areas. However, **all jurors must wear a mask that completely covers their nose and mouth while assembling for jury duty, during jury orientation, and until otherwise directed by the presiding judge that masks may be removed.** In addition, **attendees at naturalization ceremonies must wear a mask that**

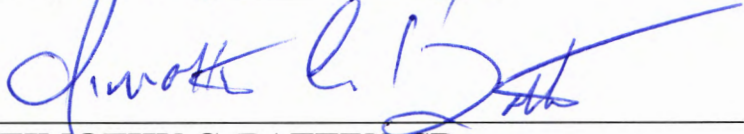
completely covers their nose and mouth. Masks will be provided to jurors and naturalization ceremony attendees who do not have one.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerks of the District and Bankruptcy Courts, the chief probation officer, and other agencies within a courthouse may establish their own policies for the wearing of masks and social distancing within their space. In addition, each judge may establish the mask and social distancing policies for his or her chambers and courtroom and for events over which the judge presides.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States marshal, his deputies, and the court security officers shall enforce this Order and deny entry to those individuals who do not review the screening questions or who otherwise do not comply with this Order. Public notices will be posted at the entrance to each courthouse within the Northern District consistent with the screening questions attached to this Order.

This Order supersedes all other previous orders to the extent they are inconsistent with this Order. This Order shall remain in effect until further notice.

SO ORDERED this 20 day of August 2022.



TIMOTHY C. BATTEN, SR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**SCREENING QUESTIONS
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA COURTHOUSES**

WARNING: TO PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF COURTHOUSE OCCUPANTS, YOU **MUST NOT ENTER THE COURTHOUSE IF YOU ANSWER YES TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS:**

1. Do you feel ill, or have you taken any medication today for the purpose of reducing a fever?
2. In the last 10 days, have you received instructions from a public health authority or private physician to self-observe, self-isolate, or self-quarantine?

For purposes of questions 3 and 4, you are “up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters” if at least two weeks have elapsed since you received the second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine AND you have received any recommended boosters (typically 5 months after the last dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and 2 months after the Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

3. If you are not up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters:

- Have you or has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 10 days?
- Are you or is anyone in your household currently awaiting test results for COVID-19 due to symptoms or possible exposure?
- Within the last 10 days, have you developed symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection, including but not limited to fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above), cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell?
- Within the last 10 days, have you had known close contact (within 6 feet for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection?

4. If you are up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters:

- Have you tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 10 days?
- Are you currently awaiting test results for COVID-19 due to symptoms or possible exposure?
- Do you currently have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 infection, including but not limited to fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above), cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell?

WHILE INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE:

JURORS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE ASSEMBLING AND UNTIL EXCUSED FROM DOING SO BY THE PRESIDING JUDGE. ATTENDEES AT NATURALIZATION CEREMONIES ALSO MUST MASK.

ANY PERSON WHO DOES NOT COMPLY WITH THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE DENIED ENTRY AND/OR WILL BE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL FROM THE COURTHOUSE.