

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA NORTHEASTERN AND NORTHWESTERN DIVISIONS

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IN RE: Restrictions on Visitors and Employees in the Huntsville and Florence United States Courthouses

<u>ORDER</u>

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has advised people to take precautions as a result of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and has noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Therefore, effective immediately, previous orders of this Court regarding COVID-19 are set aside and the following protocol is ORDERED for the United States Courthouse in Huntsville, Alabama and the United States Courthouse in Florence, Alabama:

- 1. Subject to exception more particularly set out in this order, all persons entering or working in the Courthouses shall wear a CDC recommended mask at all times. This information can be found at the website <u>https://www.cdc.gov/.</u>
- 2. Persons who have received both COVID-19 vaccinations do not have to wear a mask under the following circumstances;
 - a) they present a valid COVID-19 vaccination card to the Court Security Officer or United States Marshal indicating that they have had both vaccinations, and;
 - b) at least two weeks have passed since the last vaccination was administered.
- 3. Each United States District Judge or United States Magistrate Judge in these Courthouses shall continue to make and enforce their own COVID-19 protocols within their own chambers and courtrooms. However, the provisions of this order shall apply in all other areas of these Courthouses.

- 4. Regardless of the provisions above, no person shall enter the Courthouses who has symptoms of COVID-19 or has an active diagnosis of COVID-19.
- 5. Anyone having questions about the restrictions imposed by this order may contact the Clerk of Court at (256) 534-6495.
- 6. Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer or United States Marshal, and may be subject to the contempt power of the Court.
- 7. These restrictions shall remain in effect until June 1, 2021 or further order of the Court.

DONE AND ORDERED this 12th day of April, 2021.

LILES C. BURKE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE