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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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IN RE: USE OF FACE COVERINGS OR )  
MASKS IN HUGO L. BLACK AND )  
ROBERT S. VANCE COURTHOUSES )  
DUE TO CORONA VIRUS [COVID 19])

2021-006

U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
N.D. OF ALABAMA

**GENERAL ORDER**

This General Order is issued in response to the surge of the Delta variant of the Covid 19 virus for both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons in the Northern District of Alabama, and the updated guidance from Dr. Mark E. Wilson, Health Officer for Jefferson County, Alabama and the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People*, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html> (updated July 27, 2021). It is **ORDERED** that **all persons entering the Hugo L. Black or Robert S. Vance Courthouses SHALL wear a mask** while on the Courthouses' premises.


The presiding judge in any court proceeding may authorize the removal of a mask in the Courtroom as deemed necessary.

Courthouse employees who are alone in a private office or workspace which permits at least six feet of physical distance from other persons, may remove their masks while in their private workspaces.

The United States Marshals Service, the Federal Protective Service, and Court Security Officers may deny entry to the Courthouses to persons not wearing a mask. Individuals who remove their masks in violation of this Order after gaining access to the Courthouses may be required to exit the building.

This Order is effective immediately and **SHALL** remain in effect until further Order of the Court. To the extent inconsistent with this Order, any previous order in this district is hereby **SUPERSEDED**.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** this August 3, 2021.



**E. SCOTT COOGLER**  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE