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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

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IN RE: USE OF FACE COVERINGS)
OR MASKS IN COURTHOUSES) 2021-008
DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19))

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

GENERAL ORDER

This General Order is being issued in response to updated guidance and information.

Accordingly, and for good cause, it is

ORDERED that all persons including but not limited to: Judges; Court employees; visitors and parties to cases; jurors; witnesses; attorneys and their support staff including United States Attorneys, members of the Federal Defender’s Organization and members of the Criminal Justice Act Panel of Attorneys; United States Probation Officers; Court Security Officers; United States Marshals; all members of law enforcement, Bankruptcy Administration personnel, General Services Administration personnel and contractors, cleaning services, vendors, and mail delivery service persons unless otherwise required to wear a mask or face covering by their individual employer are not required to wear a mask or face covering while inside the Hugo Black or Vance Federal Courthouses, unless having received specific instruction to do so by a Court official.

Provided, however, that the presiding judge in any court proceeding may require the wearing of a mask or face covering during the proceeding, including but not limited to jury selection, trials, hearings, or conferences. Also, each judge may require the wearing of a mask or face covering in his or her individual chambers.

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 To the extent inconsistent with this Order, any order in this district is hereby **SUPERSEDED.**

DONE this the 5th day of November, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LSC', written over a horizontal line.

L. Scott Coogler
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE