

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

IN RE:

COMPLIANCE WITH CDC GUIDANCE
IN EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA FEDERAL
COURTHOUSES

GENERAL ORDER NO. 634

This court issues this General Order as another in a series of General Orders in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic in the Eastern District of California and elsewhere, making the following findings and orders:

WHEREAS on July 27, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued guidance recommending fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission and incorporating by reference Local Guidance, defined as state and local laws, rules and regulations;

WHEREAS on July 28, 2021, the California Department of Public Health issued guidance recommending that fully vaccinated people also mask in indoor public settings across California;

WHEREAS multiple county public health officers in the many counties served by the Eastern District of California have followed suit and also recommended that fully vaccinated people mask in indoor public settings;

WHEREAS the Federal Security Committees for the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse in Sacramento and the Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse in Fresno voted on July 30, 2021, to follow CDC Guidance, which provides at this time that face masks are required for all individuals in public portions of those courthouses; and

WHEREAS, experience since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic has taught the court that public health guidance may change in the future before the pandemic is declared over, depending on the status of the pandemic at a given time;

NOW THEREFORE, in light of the best information available to the Eastern District of California at this time and in order to provide as much clarity and certainty as possible in the face of changing circumstances, I hereby issue the following Order:

Effective immediately at the Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse in Sacramento and the Robert E. Coyle United States Courthouse in Fresno, attorneys, court staff, and other authorized courthouse visitors shall comply with current CDC Guidance in common areas of these Courthouses. As of the date of this order, this means all such persons are required to wear masks or face coverings in common areas of these Courthouses. If CDC and Local Guidance changes, for example to provide that face coverings are no longer required for some or all persons, these Courthouses shall at the time of any change follow the modified CDC and Local Guidance, without further order of this court.

Tenant Agencies shall determine the masking requirements for their employees in their private agency space.

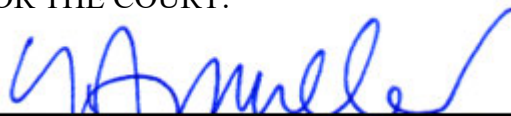
Masking and physical distancing requirements for jurors reporting to the United States Courthouses shall conform to the CDC and Local Guidance in effect at that time unless the judge presiding over the jury proceeding imposes stricter requirements. Masking and physical distancing requirements in individual courtrooms will continue to be determined by the judge presiding in his or her courtroom.

Masking and physical distancing requirements for the Bakersfield, Redding and Yosemite National Park Courthouses will be determined by the judges assigned to these remote Courthouses, taking account of their local circumstances.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: August 5, 2021

FOR THE COURT:



CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE