

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA**

*In the matter of*

ENDING OF MASK MANDATE IN  
THE ANCHORAGE FEDERAL  
COURTHOUSES EFFECTIVE  
IMMEDIATELY

**MISCELLANEOUS GENERAL  
ORDER 22-12**

**This Miscellaneous General Order removes the masking requirement while in the Anchorage federal courthouses for the District of Alaska. The masking requirement remains in place for the federal courthouses in Fairbanks and Juneau.** The Court enters this order due to the current COVID-19 Community Level ratings determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As defined by the CDC, the Municipality of Anchorage community level is medium, and the Fairbanks North Star Borough and the City and Borough of Juneau community levels are high.<sup>1</sup> The Court will continue to monitor COVID-19 developments and will modify masking requirements as warranted.

Effective immediately, in the Anchorage federal courthouses for the District of Alaska—unless ordered by a presiding judge in a case—masks and face coverings are not required to be worn by parties to court proceedings, jurors, courthouse staff, or courthouse visitors while in the courthouses. People may choose to wear a mask at any time. The CDC recommends that immunocompromised persons or persons at high risk for severe illness consider taking additional precautions in communities with a medium or high COVID-19 Community Level.<sup>2</sup>

The masking requirement set forth in Miscellaneous General Order 22-11 remains in place for the federal courthouses for the District of Alaska in Fairbanks and Juneau.

The COVID-19 pandemic is still considered a national emergency pursuant to the National

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<sup>1</sup>CDC, *U.S. COVID-19 Community Levels by County*, [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html) (last accessed July 13, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> CDC, *COVID-19 Community Level and COVID-19 Prevention*, [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html#anchor\\_47145](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html#anchor_47145) (updated Mar. 24, 2022).

Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. The finding made by the Judicial Conference of the United States that “emergency conditions due to the national emergency declared by the President with respect to COVID-19 will materially affect the functioning of the federal courts generally” remains. This Order does not affect the Court’s reauthorization of CARES Act procedures set forth in Miscellaneous General Order 22-10, the Court’s resumption of non-case related court functions as set forth in Miscellaneous General Order 22-08, or the Court’s resumption of jury trials as set forth in Miscellaneous General Order 22-06.

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.

/s/ Sharon L. Gleason

Hon. Sharon L. Gleason  
Chief United States District Judge

/s/ Joshua M. Kindred

Hon. Joshua M. Kindred  
United States District Judge

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