

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

In Re:

COVID-19 ENTRANCE  
REQUIREMENTS

STANDING ORDER 2021-04

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**STANDING ORDER**

To protect public health, including the health of court staff, parties, court participants, and all other building occupants, the Court hereby orders that:

1. The following persons shall not enter any courthouse or U.S. Probation Office of the Middle District of Georgia without prior permission from the Chief Judge or his designee:
  - a. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the previous fourteen days; or
  - b. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any healthcare provider or state or local health authority within the previous fourteen days; or
  - c. Fully vaccinated persons who have been exposed to COVID-19 and are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19; or
  - d. Unvaccinated persons who have been exposed to COVID-19 within the previous fourteen days; or
  - e. Persons with any symptom of COVID-19 identified by the CDC, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

2. Court proceedings are open to the public subject to social distancing requirements and the above health related entrance criteria. The following procedures govern the use of masks or other face coverings:
  - a. Masks or other face coverings that cover the mouth and nose must be worn by all persons in all public areas of court occupied space in the Middle District of Georgia. Masks will be provided to entrants if necessary.
  - b. Presiding judges shall establish the requirement for wearing masks for court proceedings in their courtrooms.
  - c. Court staff may remove masks when in their individual offices or when CDC guidance otherwise allows for the removal of masks.
3. Anyone denied entry due to these precautions, or anyone with a documented health condition that prevents the wearing of a mask or other face covering will be provided with contact information to contact the relevant court or other agency with whom they have business.
4. The United States Marshal, his deputies, and court security officers shall deny entry to anyone attempting to enter in violation of this Order and shall have the authority to remove anyone from a courthouse or United States Probation Office in the Middle District for failure to abide by this Order while in our facilities.
5. Nothing in this order prevents hearings from being conducted remotely pursuant to the CARES Act with the consent of the Defendant and approval of the presiding judge.

6. This order supersedes Amended Standing Order 2020-09.

**SO ORDERED**, this 18th day of March, 2021.

s/ Marc T. Treadwell  
MARC T. TREADWELL  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE