UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA



IN RE: MASK PROTOCOL FOR PERSONS)	CARMELITA REEDER SHINN, CLERK U.S. DIST: GOURT WESTERN DIST, OKLA DEPUTY
WHO WORK IN OR VISIT THE FEDERAL)	
COURTHOUSES IN THE WESTERN)	G.O. 21-10
DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA)	

ORDER

On May 16, 2021, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") issued updated guidance regarding safe practices for individuals who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The updated guidance provides that fully vaccinated individuals no longer need to wear face coverings² or practice social distancing. In accordance with the CDC's guidance, it is ordered that effective immediately:

All persons, whether fully vaccinated or not, who enter the federal courthouses are required to wear face coverings at all times while in public areas of the courthouses. Children two years of age or younger are relieved of this requirement. Persons without an appropriate face covering will be provided a mask upon entering the courthouses.

Judges have discretion to allow fully vaccinated individuals who appear in their courtrooms the option of removing their face coverings. Unvaccinated individuals, however, must continue to wear masks at all times and in all areas of the courthouses and fully vaccinated people must wear masks in public spaces within the courthouses.

¹ A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose of vaccine in a two-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or two weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

² A face covering is a mask or similar covering that covers both the nose and mouth.

Consistent with CDC guidance, judges may establish guidelines for chambers staff, and Court Unit Executives may likewise establish guidelines for employees in their areas.

This General Order supersedes G.O. 20-15 (filed May 28, 2020) and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

ENTERED for the Court this 23 of May, 2021.

TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI

Chief United States District Judge