

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

**IN THE MATTER OF
COVID-19 MASK GUIDANCE**

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER**

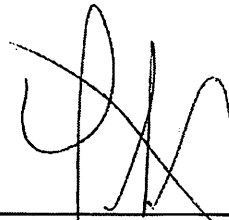
No. 21-AO-0005-P

Based on updated guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on May 13, 2021, Public Administrative Order No. 20-AO-0010-P, requiring the use of face masks or shields in the common areas of the United States Courthouses in Sioux City and Cedar Rapids, is hereby **vacated**.

Individuals who have not been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to wear appropriate face masks while in any common area of the courthouse. In addition, any judge of this court may establish and enforce his or her own requirements for the use of masks in chambers and in courtrooms or other court-used space (e.g., jury rooms) during any proceedings over which the judge is presiding. Finally, each agency remains free to establish and enforce its own mask requirements concerning its own employees and visitors within the courthouse.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2021.



**LEONARD T. STRAND
CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**