

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

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

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE
ORDER**

No. 20-AO-0010-P

Effective Monday, August 3, 2020, appropriate face masks or shields must be worn at all times in the common areas of the United States Courthouses in Sioux City and Cedar Rapids. The common areas of the courthouse include all areas generally available to the public, including the courtrooms. While in the courtrooms, the presiding judge may modify this requirement as the judge deems appropriate.

The United States Marshal and Court Security Officers shall require that any person entering the courthouse wear a face mask or shield. The court will provide masks for those who do not have one. Any person refusing to wear a mask or shield shall not be admitted to the courthouse. Persons observed within the common areas of the courthouse without wearing a mask or shield so as to cover the individual's nose and mouth shall be warned and directed to comply with this order. Any person who repeatedly violates this order may be removed from the courthouse for the remainder of that day or subjected to other sanctions.

Children under the age of two years are not required by this order to wear a mask or shield. Any request for deviation from this order for medical reasons shall be referred to a judicial officer, preferably the presiding judicial officer if the visitor is attending a hearing.

This order will remain in place until further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 29th day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Strand', is written over a horizontal line.

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