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David J. Smith
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

GENERAL ORDER NO. 50

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER COURT FACILITIES

This General Order is issued in response to updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

- General Order No. 49, entered on May 24, 2021, is **VACATED**. General Order No. 44 and General Order No. 46 remain vacated.
- All court staff and visitors must comply with screening procedures and posted signs.
- **Regardless of vaccination status, ALL INDIVIDUALS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR MASKS AND ENCOURAGED TO PHYSICALLY DISTANCE** in common areas of court facilities consistent with CDC guidance. Individuals may be requested to provide proof of their vaccination status.
- The presiding judge of any court proceeding in any location where court is held may require the wearing of a mask or authorize the removal of a mask during the proceeding.
- If an individual does not have a mask and if a mask is available, the Court may provide a mask. If an individual does not have a mask and the Court does not have one to provide, the individual will be denied entry.
- Individuals are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received their second dose in a 2-dose series or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.
- Fully vaccinated individuals **SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ACCESS** to court facilities if they:
 - Tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days,
 - Are undergoing testing for COVID-19, or
 - Currently have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, including a fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and above) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated **SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ACCESS** to court facilities if they:
 - Tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days,
 - Are undergoing testing for COVID-19,
 - Within the previous 14 days, have had known close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or have been asked or required to self-quarantine, or
 - Within the previous 14 days, have had symptoms consistent with COVID-19, including a fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit and above) or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.

- Each visitor must use the temperature self-check station. Posted written instructions will list the procedures for taking the entrant's temperature.

- By entering court facilities, all individuals are self-certifying that they meet the requirements for doing so and that they will comply with posted signs.

- Individuals who would not be allowed access to court facilities shall not submit paper copies of briefs or appendices and should contact the Clerk's Office for further instructions.

- A list of all relevant contacts and telephone numbers for the court units will be posted. Any visitor or vendor denied building entry due to suspected illness will be asked to contact the appropriate court unit for further instructions.

The Court will continue to assess the ongoing need for the entry restrictions and update such restrictions as warranted. The Court takes this temporary action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and out of concern for the health and safety of the federal judiciary and staff, members of the Bar, and the public.

Questions regarding this Order may be directed to the Clerk's Office at (404) 335-6100 or clerks_office@ca11.uscourts.gov.

/s/ William H. Pryor Jr. _____
Chief Judge