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## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

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## GENERAL ORDER NO. 51

David J. Smith Clerk

## SUPPLEMENTAL REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER COURT FACILITIES

This General Order is issued in response to the updated guidance from the President of the United States regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. It supplements the requirements established by General Order 50, which remain in effect. It is hereby ORDERED effective on Monday, August 16, 2021, that:

- All court staff, on-site contractors, and visitors must verify their vaccination status
  prior to being allowed entry to court facilities. Individuals choosing not to provide
  a response to inquiries concerning their vaccination status will be treated as
  unvaccinated persons.
- Fully vaccinated individuals must sign a statement attesting to the truthfulness of the response they provide.
- Individuals are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received their second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.
- Visitors to court facilities who are not fully vaccinated must:
  - O Provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test from no later than the previous three days prior to entering court facilities;
  - O Always wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth, and that is in accordance with current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") guidance; and
  - O To the extent practicable and consistent with CDC guidelines, always maintain a distance of at least six feet from others, including in offices, conference rooms, courtrooms, communal spaces, and workspaces.
- Employees and on-site contractors entering court facilities who are not fully vaccinated must:
  - O Undergo testing for COVID-19 at least once per week and as required by the Court;
  - O Provide proof of at least one negative COVID-19 test result per week as soon as the results are received;

- O Wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth, and that is in accordance with current CDC guidance, except when alone in an office with floor to ceiling walls and a closed door, or for a limited time when eating or drinking and maintaining distancing in accordance with CDC guidance; and
- o To the extent practicable and consistent with CDC guidelines, always maintain a distance of at least six feet from others, including in offices, conference rooms, courtrooms, communal spaces, and workspaces.
- Masked individuals may be asked to lower their masks briefly for identification purposes in compliance with safety and security requirements.

The Court will continue to assess the ongoing need for 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@call.uscourts.gov.

Chief Judge