

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

In re:

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) HEALTH AND
SAFETY PROTOCOLS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 23-01

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio adopted on December 15, 2023, its General Order No. 2023-22. It updates health and safety protocols in federal courthouses within this district in response to the CDC's current framework for COVID-19 prevention measures. A copy of the District Court's General Order 2023-22 is attached and incorporated in this General Order No. 23-01.

The District Court and the Bankruptcy Court co-occupy two federal courthouses within this district (Cleveland Metzenbaum and Akron Seiberling). The Bankruptcy Court occupies its own facilities in three other locations within the district, two in federal courthouses (Canton Regula and Youngstown Jones) and one in commercial space (Toledo PNC Bank Building).

The purpose of this General Order No. 23-01 is to clarify the COVID-19 health and safety prevention protocols that apply in the Bankruptcy Court's facilities in this district that may be accessed by the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio hereby issues the following General Order, effective immediately:

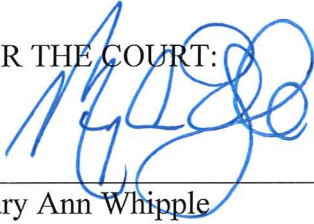
1. This Court's Amended General Order No. 21-02, dated April 8, 2022, is terminated.

2. General Order No. 2023-22 of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio applies in all Bankruptcy Court facilities within this district, both those co-occupied with the District Court and those not co-occupied with the District Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 18, 2023

FOR THE COURT:



Mary Ann Whipple
Chief Judge

Dec 15 2023

United States District Court
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General Order

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On May 10, 2023, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) national emergency expired and the Court issued Amended General Order 2020-08-13 which repealed in its entirety Amended General Order 2020-08-12 In Re: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PHASED-IN RECOVERY PLAN.

The CDC now reports that with widespread population immunity due to vaccination, boosters, and prior COVID-19 infection, the overall risk of severe disease is now generally lower. As a result, the CDC’s framework for recommending prevention measures is now based upon a COVID-19 Hospital Admissions Level model.

NOW, THEREFORE, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio hereby issues the following Order, effective immediately:

1. Consistent with CDC guidance, the wearing of face coverings is required by employees and visitors to gain entrance into a federal courthouse and when in lobbies and other public areas if the then-current COVID-19 Hospital Admissions Level is high in the courthouse location. A high Hospital Admissions Level will be indicated on signage that will be posted at the building entrance(s).

2. In the event that CDC guidance requires the wearing of face coverings by employees and visitors as indicated in paragraph 1 and signage is posted at the entrance(s) of the affected federal courthouse, the following will apply:
 - a. Jurors entering a jury assembly room will be required to wear a face covering, unless otherwise instructed.
 - b. Individuals attending a naturalization ceremony in a courthouse will be required to wear a face covering, unless otherwise instructed.
 - c. Upon entering courtrooms, judges' chambers and offices, or any space where a court proceeding is being conducted, all persons must comply with the rules and requirements of the presiding judge regarding face coverings.
 - d. Upon entering space belonging to a tenant agency in a federal courthouse, all persons must comply with the rules and requirements of that tenant agency regarding face coverings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT



Sara Lioi
Chief Judge