

Mask and Social Distancing Policy

The Court has found it necessary and appropriate to adopt a mask and social distancing policy for all individuals entering our Courthouses and Court facilities.

As established by General Order 2021-11, and as modified by General Order 2021-15, **ALL individuals, regardless of vaccination status**, that appear in person in the Courthouses/facilities in this District, to include employees, litigants, attorneys, jurors, stakeholders from other agencies, contractors, vendors, and members of the public, **are required to:**

(1) **Wear an N95 or KN95 mask** that covers their nose and mouth continuously in all indoor public areas of our Courthouses/facilities unless it is medically unsafe for them to do so **and** they obtain permission from the Chief Judge or Senior Active Judge. Individuals without access to an N95 or KN95 mask will be provided a KN95 mask at the building entrance. Inside of each courtroom, the presiding judge may permit temporary removal of masks for the purposes of facilitating a hearing or otherwise promoting the functioning and effective operation of the Court, with efforts made to ensure that individuals permitted to remove their mask generally stay **at least six feet apart** from other individuals. *Minors unable to fit into an adult-sized Court-provided KN95 mask are encouraged to bring their own properly fitting KN95 or similar mask. However, minors without access to a properly fitting KN95 or similar mask will be allowed to enter our Courthouses/facilities wearing a surgical mask, or a multi-layer cloth mask, or preferably, a surgical mask covered by a cloth mask.*

(2) **Maintain six feet of distance** from all individuals from outside their household whenever possible.

(3) **Stay home if you are sick.**

Any visitor seeking entry to our Courthouses/facilities that does not comply with these requirements may be denied entry by security staff and will be asked to contact the office/chambers to be visited and determine whether alternate arrangements can be made to accomplish the business needs of the visitor without entry to the Courthouse.