

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

STANDING ORDER

November 3, 2020

IN RE: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY

STANDING ORDER REQUIRING MASKS IN SPRINGFIELD COURT BUILDING

MASTROIANNI, U.S.D.J.

Effective immediately, all individuals working for or with the federal courts, in any capacity, in the Springfield federal court building must wear masks at all times in locations which are either publicly accessible or where multiple individuals can gather. In particular, this order requires the wearing of masks in non-public areas of the courthouse such as break rooms, hallways, stairwells, gyms, and the garage. Separated and enclosed offices or work areas being used by one person are excluded from the mask requirement (subject to permission from an individual's immediate supervisor) unless more than one person is present. This order applies, but is not limited, to the Probation department, Clerks offices, U.S. Attorney's office, Marshals service, Court Security Officers, Judicial staff members, and the General Services Administration. This order is in addition to all previous standing orders issued by Judges Howard and Saylor, which continue to remain in effect, and in recognition of Governor Charles Baker's COVID-19 Order No. 55. This order may be modified when more people begin using the building and its workspaces, based upon consideration of all safety protocol measures and usage.

While there may be times when individuals momentarily forget to wear their masks, everyone should understand that these requirements represent the "new normal" and do their best to follow them. Wearing masks respects the health and safety of everyone using this building. The

court's medical consultants and public health officials have all made clear that wearing a mask is an important safety measure for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

It is So Ordered.

/s/ Mark G. Mastroianni
MARK G. MASTROIANNI
United States District Judge