

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

In Re: Amended Policy for Wearing of Face Masks
During the Coronavirus Pandemic

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 403

The court is amending its mask policy in light of guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and current conditions in Dane County. This order supersedes Administrative Order 384.

Mask wearing in the courthouse is now optional. Members of the public and court personnel may choose to wear masks.

Because court proceedings often require people to be in close proximity to each other for extended periods, members of the public and court personnel should follow CDC guidance if they have COVID-19 or have had close exposure to a person with COVID-19. The CDC recommends isolation for five full days after symptoms begin or a positive test, followed by five more days of mask-wearing. The CDC recommends mask-wearing for ten days after exposure to a person with COVID-19.

Participants in a proceeding will ordinarily be expected to remove their masks while testifying, examining witnesses, or addressing the court. Participants in a proceeding should inform the court if they are wearing a mask as a result of recent infection or exposure to a person with COVID-19, in which case the presiding judge may allow them to keep the mask on.

Entered April 3, 2023.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

JAMES D. PETERSON
Chief District Judge