

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE:	)	
	)	<b>STANDING ORDER</b>
Use of Face Coverings or Masks in	)	
Courthouses due to	)	Misc. No.
Coronavirus (COVID-19).	)	
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**ORDER**

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised taking precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including recommending the use of face coverings or masks in public settings, it is hereby

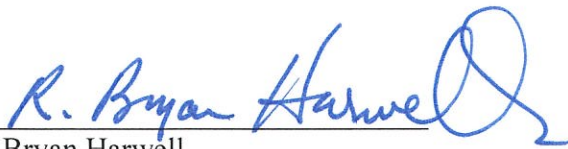
**ORDERED** that, effective immediately, all persons seeking entry to, or occupying, any district courthouse, must wear a face covering or mask (the mask). The mask must completely conceal the wearer’s nose and mouth at all times. During a court proceeding, the mask may be removed when the wearer is speaking for the record and at least six feet physical distancing is observed. If the wearer is a court employee who is alone in a private office or workspace, which permits at least six feet physical distancing from other persons, the wearer may temporarily remove the mask.

Any person seeking entry to the courthouse without a mask will be provided a mask by the Court. If the Court is unable to provide a mask for any reason, the visitor will be asked to contact by telephone the office to be visited to explore alternatives to entering the Courthouse; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court Security Officers

shall enforce this Order and deny entry to those individuals not wearing a mask.

May 19, 2020

  
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R. Bryan Harwell  
Chief United States District Judge