

UNITED STATES COURT OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

In Re: CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 ORDER
CONCERNING ENTRANCE SCREENING
AND FACE MASKS/COVERINGS

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ORDER

In order to supplement the steps already taken to protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, *see* Information Regarding the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and United States Court of International Trade Operations (April 2, 2020), the U.S. Court of International Trade (CIT or Court), in accordance with guidance from public health authorities, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) which has advised that face coverings should be worn in public areas when appropriate social distances may be difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission,¹ and to further safeguard the health and safety of the general public and Court personnel, counsel, litigants, all other case participants, and all other visitors to the Court, and as a security countermeasure to prevent and mitigate community spread of COVID-19, it is hereby

ORDERED that, effective September 17, 2020, all persons entering the James L. Watson U.S. Court of International Trade building ("the Courthouse") shall be required to wear a mask or face-covering for their nose and mouth continuously while in common or public areas of the Courthouse; it is further

ORDERED that all persons entering the Courthouse without a mask or face-covering shall be provided a mask by the Court. If no mask is available, or if the mask is refused or otherwise not worn, the visitor will be asked to contact the Court office to be visited to determine alternate arrangements in order to accomplish the business needs of the visitor without entry to the Courthouse; it is further

ORDERED that all persons attempting to enter the Courthouse will be required to submit to COVID-19 screening before being allowed entry, and that such screening may take the form of answering questions regarding one's potential recent exposure to COVID-19 and/or other screening methods as appropriate, including a temperature check; it is further

¹ Recommendation Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings, Especially in Areas of Significant Community-Based Transmission, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>.

ORDERED that the following persons shall not enter the Courthouse:

1. Persons not wearing a mask or face covering;
2. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
3. Persons who have been diagnosed with, or knowingly have had close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with, COVID-19;²
4. Persons with fever, cough, or shortness of breath; and
5. Persons who decline to submit to all or part of the Court's COVID-19 screening, or for whom the screening raises a reasonable concern as to the possibility of their recent exposure to COVID-19; it is further

ORDERED that Court Security Officers are authorized to enforce the above listed requirements and deny entry to, or expel, non-complying individuals; and it is further

ORDERED that these restrictions will remain in place temporarily until further Order of the Court, pending updated recommendations of public health authorities.

/s/ Timothy C. Stanceu
Timothy C. Stanceu
Chief Judge

Dated: September 17, 2020
New York, New York

² With regards to 2. and 3. of this list, and as per CDC Guidelines (See When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>):

- If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or have had COVID19-like symptoms, you shall not enter the Courthouse unless you have experienced 3 days with no fever, your symptoms have improved, and 10 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.
- If you tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms, you shall not enter the Courthouse until 10 days have passed since your test.
- If you knowingly have had close contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or who exhibited COVID-19 like symptoms, you shall not enter the Courthouse until 14 days after your last exposure to that person.