

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

RESCISSION OF PANDEMIC  
MASKING REQUIREMENTS

No. 2023 - 2

**ORDER**

This Order rescinds Administrative Order 2022-3 and shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court or until rescinded.

In response to changes to Centers for Disease Control guidance and positive developments in the COVID-19 community infection rates within the District,

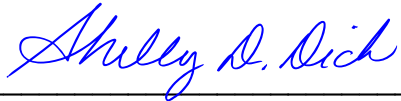
**IT IS ORDERED** that entrants to the Russell B. Long Federal Building and United States Courthouse and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court (“the Courthouses”) are no longer required to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. This Order does not prohibit individuals from electing to wear a mask. Individuals who are unvaccinated, immunocompromised, and/or are at a high risk for severe illness are highly encouraged to wear a high-quality mask in public indoor spaces.

Court Unit Executives (CUE) and judicial officers shall continue to make operational decisions regarding the means and manner of the operations of their respective units and chambers, including but not limited to employee telework and decisions regarding mask wearing within CUE offices, chambers and courtrooms.

All employees and individuals having business in the Courthouses shall observe all posted signs and placards.

**SO ORDERED** on March 29, 2023

**FOR THE COURT:**



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SHELLY D. DICK, CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA