

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

GENERAL ORDER #61

**October 8, 2020
Revised May 19, 2021;
August 6, 2021
March 1, 2022**

**IN RE: CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 PUBLIC EMERGENCY
ORDER CONCERNING FACE MASKS/COVERINGS IN PUBLIC
AREAS OF NDNY COURTHOUSES**

WHEREAS this Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and recognizes the need to assist in the preservation of public safety and health while effectively administering justice during this period of national emergency; and

WHEREAS, updated guidance issued February 25, 2022 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lifted the mask mandate in areas except those where COVID-19 transmission rates remain high.

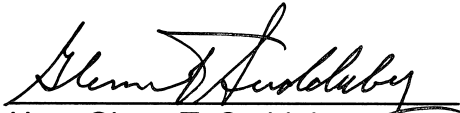
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all persons entering any United States Courthouse in the Northern District of New York are no longer required to wear a mask in common areas of the courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that policies regarding mask covering and social distancing within a courtroom, jury room or chambers area shall be determined by the presiding/resident judicial officer.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that policies regarding mask covering and social distancing within the internal space of an agency or court unit shall be determined by the agency or court unit occupying that space.

This Order shall be effective **Tuesday, March 1, 2022** and remain in effect until amended or vacated by the undersigned.

Dated this 1st day of March 2022 at Syracuse, New York


Hon. Glenn T. Suddaby
Chief U.S. District Judge