

July 30, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk 

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

IN RE: MASK MANDATE IN  
THE BROWNSVILLE DIVISION  
UNDER THE EXIGENT  
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED  
BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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SPECIAL ORDER B-2021-06

**ORDER**

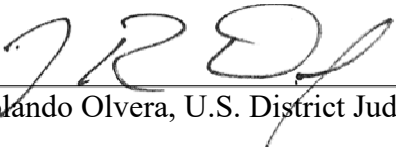
This Order applies in the Brownsville Division of the Southern District of Texas and supersedes Special Order B-2021-04.

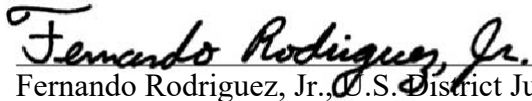
Effective immediately, all individuals who enter the Reynaldo G. Garza – Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas must wear a mask and practice social distancing in courthouse public areas. Mask wearing inside courtrooms and chambers are at the discretion of each presiding judicial officer. This order applies to employees, contractors, jurors and prospective jurors, lawyers, litigants, witnesses, family members, court observers, and other members of the public.

This order is subject to the district-wide policy for the Southern District of Texas requiring all courthouse employees who work with venire panels and jurors to be both vaccinated and masked.

This order remains in place subject to further court order.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

  
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Rolando Olvera, U.S. District Judge

  
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Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., U.S. District Judge