

July 7, 2021

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By Deputy Clerk 

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LAREDO DIVISION

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

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SPECIAL ORDER L-2021-8

ORDER

To provide uniform and certain requirements for those working in and coming to the George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse within the Southern District of Texas, everyone in the courthouse, including employees, members of the public, jurors and prospective jurors, lawyers, litigants, contractors, family members, witnesses, and court observers are required to wear masks in hallways and other public areas. Masks inside courtrooms are at the discretion of each presiding judicial officer. The U.S. Marshal's Service will exclude from the courthouse anyone who does not wear a mask in public areas. Those coming to the courthouse should provide their own masks but may be provided a mask upon entering.

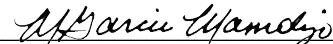
While the general masking requirement is division dependent, courthouse employees in all divisions within the Southern District of Texas may not work with jury panels and juries unless they are vaccinated and masked.

This order remains in effect until the court orders otherwise.

ORDERED this the 7th day of July 2021.



Diana Saldaña
United States District Judge



Marina Garcia Marmolejo
United States District Judge