

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
FORT MYERS DIVISION

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS DURING  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC

CASE NO: 2:20-mc-8-38FtM

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**ORDER**<sup>1</sup>

This Order applies to the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Fort Myers, Florida (“Fort Myers Federal Courthouse”) and incorporates by reference Chief Judge Steven D. Merryday’s [Order](#), Case No. 8:20-mc-20-T-23, which restricts visitors into the Middle District of Florida’s courthouses to protect public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**Effective immediately**, under recommendations of public health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, every person over the age of two seeking to enter the Fort Myers Federal Courthouse, including the building’s tenants, **must wear a mask or other face covering that covers the person's nose and mouth** while in any public area of the courthouse (e.g., all public elevators, hallways, and bathrooms), unless otherwise directed by a law enforcement officer, guard, or Court official. Law enforcement officers, protective service officers, and court security officers working for the Federal Protective Service and the U.S. Marshals Service will enforce this Order and will deny entry to persons not wearing a mask or other face covering.

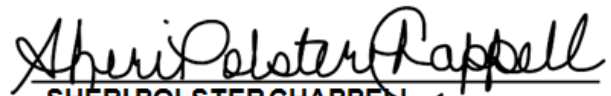
Any person who seeks to enter the Fort Myers Federal Courthouse without a mask or face covering may contact the office to be visited for help in determining what

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arrangements or accommodations can be made to accomplish the person's business needs without entering the Fort Myers Federal Courthouse.

**DONE and ORDERED** in Chambers in Fort Myers, Florida on this 3rd day of June 2020.

  
**SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**