

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

**IN RE:**

**USE OF FACE MASK /COVERINGS** :  
**IN PUBLIC AREAS OF THE DISTRICT** : **STANDING ORDER**  
**AND BANKRUPTCY COURTS** :

**WHEREAS**, public health authorities have advised, and continue to advise, public and private agencies to continue to take necessary and appropriate precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and slow the spread of the disease;

**WHEREAS**, as a result of COVID-19, there is currently in place a “stay at home” directive from the Governor of the State of Delaware relative to travel outside of the home and the gathering of groups in public settings;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of Delaware recently directed that effective April 28, 2020 at 8:00 AM all Delawareans must wear a mask or face covering when out in public settings;

**WHEREAS**, as a public institution committed to the sound administration of equal justice under law, the Court is essential and remains open with limited staff;

**WHEREAS**, the District and Bankruptcy Courts already have in place certain screening requirements to ensure the health and safety of court personnel and all others entering or doing business therein;

**WHEREAS**, this Court will continue to take reasonable and prudent actions to further that mission consistent with public health needs and the health needs of its staff, members of the public, and others that enter the District and Bankruptcy Court facilities.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in order to continue to further public health and safety, the health

and safety of Court personnel, counsel, litigants, other case participants, vendors, contractors, and the general public, and in the spirit of the guidance issued by Governor Carney to all

Delawareans:

1. Court staff should wear a mask or face covering when interacting with the public, and when in the common or public areas of the Court unless they are able to maintain social distance. Facial masks/coverings need not be worn in private work areas provided there is sufficient physical distancing from others.
2. The provisions of paragraph 1 above also apply to employees of any other tenant of the J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building, 844 N. King Street.
3. Visitors to the District or Bankruptcy Court – including vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, and other members of the public – are required to wear a mask or face covering when interacting with Court staff and in the common or public areas of Court facilities.
4. This Order shall remain in effect until amended or vacated by the Court.

**SO ORDERED:**

April 28, 2020  
Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ Leonard P. Stark  
Leonard P. Stark  
Chief, United States District Judge