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U.S. DISTRICT COURT

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA**

**COURT OPERATIONS DURING THE
COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

GENERAL ORDER 21-26

This General Order amends section 6 On-Site Safety Precautions of General Order 21-25. Section 6 is amended as follows:

The U.S. Center for Disease Control has issued updated guidelines on mask wearing, social distancing, and other COVID-19 protocols. All visitors will be required to wear masks while on the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th floor of the Page Belcher Building. Visitors who do not have a mask will be provided one. Each court employee will be required to wear a mask when away from their personal office or workstation, when in common areas where two or more people are congregated. Each Judicial Officer will determine appropriate polices for their courtroom proceedings.

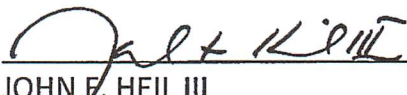
Individuals may not enter the courthouse if in the last 14 days they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or in the last 14 days they have been in contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with an active case of COVID-19 and they have not been fully vaccinated prior to contact, or if they are currently experiencing signs of fever, a cough, shortness of breath, or a recent loss of smell or taste. Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer or Deputy United States Marshal. Any attorney or party shall promptly notify opposing counsel and the Court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any scheduled hearing, trial, conference, or other proceeding at the courthouse may come within any of the categories listed above. To the extent possible, counsel shall affirmatively inquire of their clients and witnesses whether they come within any of these categories. If you are scheduled or required to appear at the courthouse and are denied access or otherwise unable to attend because of the restrictions in this Order, you are directed to proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;

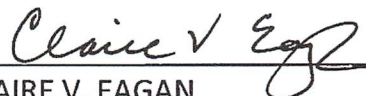
- If you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, please contact the courtroom deputy of the presiding judge;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a pretrial services officer or a probation officer, please contact the Probation Office;
- For other District Court matters, please contact the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court.

The Court will vacate or amend this General Order no later than August 31, 2021.

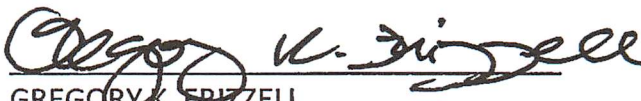
IT IS SO ORDERED this 6th day of August, 2021.



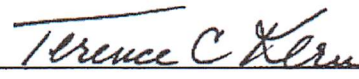
JOHN F. HEIL III
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



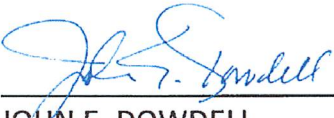
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



GREGORY K. FRIZZELL
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JOHN E. DOWDELL
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