

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE: USE OF FACE COVERINGS OR MASKS IN COURTHOUSES

MISCELLANOUS NO.: 3-20-MC-51

STANDING ORDER

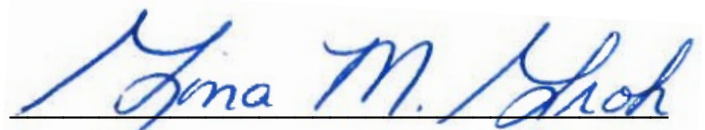
WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised taking precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19, including recommending the use of face coverings or masks in public settings, it is hereby

ORDERED that, effective immediately, all persons seeking entry to, or occupying any courthouse in the United States District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia, must wear a face covering, shield or mask (the “mask”). The mask must always completely conceal the wearer’s nose and mouth and must be worn in all public or common areas of the courthouse. The presiding judge in any courtroom may authorize the removal of the mask, if necessary, to facilitate communication during courtroom proceedings. If the wearer is a federal employee who is alone in a private office or workspace, which permits at least six (6) feet of physical distance from other persons, the wearer may temporarily remove the mask while in his/her private workspace. Any individual seeking entry to the Courthouse without a mask will be asked to contact by telephone the office to be visited to explore alternatives to entering the Courthouse; and it is further

ORDERED that the United States Marshal, his deputies, and the court security officers shall enforce this Order and deny entry to those individuals not wearing a mask.

The Clerk's Office is DIRECTED to transmit a copy of this Order to the U.S. Marshals Service, the WVND Bankruptcy Court, the United States Attorney, the Federal Public Defender, the U.S. Probation Office, the General Service Administration, and Court Security Officer Head, Kelley Moran.

DATED: June 2, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gina M. Groh". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Gina M. Groh
Chief United States District Judge
Northern District of West Virginia