Exhibit C

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

In Re:

NEW FACE MASK POLICY

GENERAL ORDER NO. 11-21

This General Order will address a change in Court policies given a significant increase in positive cases of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in this District.

On July 27, 2021, the CDC issued a recommendation for everyone in areas of substantial or high transmission to wear a mask in public indoor places, even if they are fully vaccinated. New data indicates that the Delta variant, the predominant strain of this virus in the United States, is transmissible among vaccinated individuals. In late July, eight Western Washington counties, including the counties where the courthouses of this district are located, issued a joint statement recommending masks in indoor public places. On August 10, 2021, Snohomish County announced a return to an indoor mask mandate for all individuals regardless of vaccinated status.

All available research continues to indicate that widely available vaccines provide significant protection against this disease. However, to slow the transmission of the virus and to reduce the serious risk of hospitalization and death for unvaccinated individuals, the Court hereby ORDERS the following:

Beginning August 16, 2021, all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a face mask in public and common areas of the courthouses at all times.

All individuals must wear a face mask in the courtroom unless directed to remove their mask by the presiding judge. Individuals who are participating in Court proceedings will be advised to remove their mask to speak. Witnesses will be asked to remove their mask while they are on the witness stand.

Masks must cover the nose and mouth. All individuals are to observe social distancing in the public areas of the courthouses and courtrooms except as authorized by individual judges in courtroom proceedings. Children under the age of two are not required to wear face masks. Individuals who cannot wear a face mask for health reasons but who otherwise must appear in Court are advised to contact the chambers of the judge presiding over the matter they are attending for further guidance.

Other than this change to mask-wearing, the policies set forth in General Order No. 10-21 remain in effect.

The Court will revisit these procedures prior to October 1, 2021.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2021.

RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE