

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

**In Re: FOURTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS
RELATED TO COVID-19**

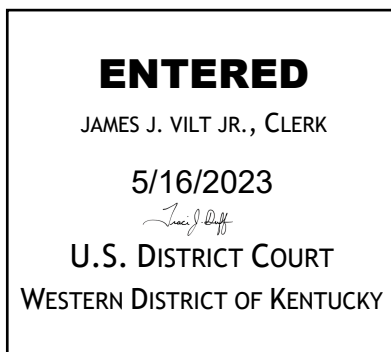
**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 23-09**

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, this Court has closely monitored the evolving guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as state and local health authorities. Based on the prevailing recommendations, the Court has implemented health and safety precautions to be followed within its Courthouses, including requiring face masks to be worn in any Courthouse located in a county with High COVID-19 Community Levels.¹

On April 10, 2023, the President signed into law a Joint Resolution terminating the COVID-19 National Emergency. A related but separately declared COVID-19 Public Health Emergency expired on May 11, 2023, terminating the CDC's authorization to require laboratory test reporting for COVID-19. As a result, the CDC has discontinued its weekly reporting of COVID-19 Community Levels.

In light of these developments, and in recognition of the vastly improved community conditions across all divisions of this Court, General Order No. 22-02 is hereby **VACATED**. The Court will continue to monitor public health conditions and recommendations from the CDC and state and local health authorities to determine whether it is appropriate to adopt any additional health and safety protocols within its Courthouses in response to changing public health conditions.

DATED: May 16, 2023



Greg N. Stivers, Chief Judge
United States District Court

¹ See *In Re: Court Operations Related to COVID-19*, General Order No. 22-02 (March 7, 2022).