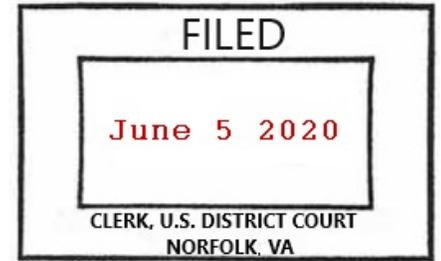


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA



In re:

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE OUTBREAK
OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19):
UPDATE TO COURTHOUSE ENTRY RESTRICTIONS

Case No. 2:20mc7

General Order No. 2020-17

As detailed in its prior General Orders, the Court has continued to closely monitor the outbreak of COVID-19, as well as the developing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the responses from all branches and levels of government. As detailed in General Order 2020-16, the Court has announced a plan for the phased expansion of Court Operations in this District, which is expected to begin on June 11, 2020. In anticipation of such planned expansion of operations, the Court has performed a state-by-state assessment of available COVID-19 data, focusing on each state's seven-day average of newly reported cases on a per 100,000 resident basis as compared to the same metric in Virginia. As reflected in the updated notices attached to this General Order, the Court has determined that the current data supports removing the entry restrictions associated with domestic travel within the United States. Additionally, in order to balance the expansion of operations with the need to limit the spread of COVID-19 within our District, the Court has endeavored

to clarify the entrance restrictions for those that are sick or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. As indicated on the respective Courthouse Notices, the entrance restrictions are subject to appropriate exceptions made on a case-by-case basis by the Senior Active Judge for the Alexandria and Richmond Divisions, and the Chief Judge of the Court for the Norfolk and Newport News Divisions.¹

The attached updated versions of the Public Notices shall be posted outside of each respective U.S. Courthouse in the District.

It is so ORDERED.


/s/

Mark S. Davis
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Norfolk, Virginia
June 5, 2020

¹ Additionally, as previously outlined in General Order 2020-14, "Inside of each courtroom, the presiding judge may permit removal of face coverings for the purposes of facilitating a hearing or otherwise promoting the functioning and effective operation of the Court, with efforts made to ensure that individuals permitted to remove their face coverings stay at least six feet apart from other individuals."

PUBLIC NOTICES - VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

Attached Notices:

- Alexandria Courthouse
- Newport News Courthouse
- Norfolk Courthouse
- Richmond Courthouse



Alexandria Court Access Notice regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Please read before entering the Courthouse

No person shall enter the Courthouse if he or she has,
within the past two weeks:

- (1) traveled internationally;
- (2) been diagnosed with COVID-19, or had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- (3) been directed to quarantine or isolate;
- (4) experienced a fever or chills, persistent cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, or other flu-like symptoms; or
- (5) resided with, or been in close contact with, any person in the above-mentioned categories.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry unless a case-specific exception is granted by the Senior Active Judge. If you are unable to appear for a Court proceeding, or any other matter, because of the restrictions in this Notice, you should contact:

- The Chambers scheduled to handle the relevant proceeding;

- The Pretrial Services Office at (703) 299-2250;
- The Probation Office at (703) 299-2300;
- The Jury Department at (703) 299-2104;
- The District Court Clerk's Office at (703) 299-2100;
- The Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at (703) 258-1200; or
- For U.S. Court of Appeals matters, Patricia S. Connor, Clerk of Court at (804) 916-2700.

These restrictions will remain in place temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them. **Any person who thinks that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.**

WHILE INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE:

- **To the extent possible, maintain six feet of distance from all other individuals.**
- **All individuals are required to wear a face-covering or mask while in common areas unless it is medically unsafe for them to do so and they obtain permission from the Senior Active Judge.**

Any person who does not comply with these requirements will be denied entry and/or subject to removal from the Courthouse.



Newport News Court Access Notice regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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- The Chambers scheduled to handle the relevant proceeding;

- The Pretrial Services Office at (757) 223-4640;
- The Probation Office at (757) 223-4640;
- The Jury Department at (757) 222-7200;
- The District Court Clerk's Office at (757) 247-0784;
- The Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at (757) 244-3678; or
- For U.S. Court of Appeals matters, Patricia S. Connor, Clerk of Court at (804) 916-2700.

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Norfolk Court Access Notice regarding Coronavirus (COVID – 19)

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- The Chambers scheduled to handle the relevant proceeding;

- The Pretrial Services Office at (757) 222-7400;
- The Probation Office at (757) 222-7300;
- The Jury Department at (757) 222-7200;
- The District Court Clerk's Office at (757) 222-7201 for civil matters and at (757) 222-7202 for criminal matters;
- The Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at (757) 222-7500; or
- For U.S. Court of Appeals matters, Patricia S. Connor, Clerk of Court at (804) 916-2700.

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Richmond Court Access Notice regarding Coronavirus (COVID – 19)

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- The Chambers scheduled to handle the relevant proceeding;

- The Pretrial Services Office at (804) 916-2800;
- The Probation Office at (804) 916-2500;
- The Jury Department at (804) 916-2212;
- The District Court Clerk's Office at (804) 916-2220 for civil matters and at (804) 916-2230 for criminal matters;
- The Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at (804) 916-2400; or
- For U.S. Court of Appeals matters, Patricia S. Connor, Clerk of Court at (804) 916-2700.

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