



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONS
FROM: SDNY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
SUBJECT: ENTRY INTO SDNY COURTHOUSES FOLLOWING TRAVEL
DATE: DECEMBER 21, 2021

The following rules apply to anyone seeking to enter one of the courthouses of the Southern District of New York within 10 days of their arrival in the United States following travel outside of the United States. All other criteria for entry set forth in the current version of the Standing Order on Entry, M10-468, and the SDNY COVID-19 entry questionnaire still apply.

- **International travelers who achieved full vaccination* at least 14 days prior to the date they seek entry to the courthouse** may only enter the courthouse if they: (i) present proof of a negative result on a COVID test administered no more than 3 days before travel to the United States; and (ii) present proof of a COVID molecular diagnostic test** administered on the fourth day after their arrival to the United States. Individuals may enter the courthouse prior to the time the second test is administered and while the result of that test is pending. If more than 5 days have passed at the time the traveler seeks entry to the courthouse and the second test has not yet been administered, the traveler should test within 24 hours of entry and submit the test results to Covid_Response@nysd.uscourts.gov.
- **International travelers who have not achieved full vaccination* at least 14 days prior to the date they seek entry to the courthouse** may only enter the courthouse if they: (1) test negative on a COVID test administered no more than 3 days before travel, (2) quarantine for 7 days upon arrival to the United States, and (3) test negative on a COVID molecular diagnostic test** administered no sooner than 5 days after their arrival to New York. Unvaccinated international travelers may not enter the courthouse until both test results are provided to the Court.

*According to the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen). Vaccines that are not authorized by the U.S. Federal Drug Administration (FDA) for emergency use or approved by the FDA do not satisfy this definition.

**Only molecular diagnostic tests that are authorized or approved by the FDA are acceptable for the post-travel test. See the next page for more information on tests.

Proof of negative test results must be submitted in advance of entry in electronic form to Covid_Response@nysd.uscourts.gov, or in paper form to the Court Security Officers at the entrance to the courthouse.

Tests that are accepted:

Accepted molecular diagnostic test types:

- PCR / RT-PCR / ddPCR / Rapid PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction)
- NAA / NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification)
- AMP PRB (Amplified Probe)
- LAMP (Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification)
- TMA (Transcription-mediated Amplification) Accepted

Molecular diagnostic test brands, such as, but not limited to:

- Abbott ID NOW
- Quidel Lyra PCR
- Abbott Realtime PCR
- Cobas Qualitative PCR
- FTD PCR
- Xpert Xpress
- Simplexa Direct PCR
- RUCDR Infinite Biologics
- Lucira Health

Tests that are not accepted:

- All tests that do not have FDA authorization or approval
- All Antigen (Ag) tests (including Quidel Sophia, Abbott BinaxNOW and Rapid Antigen Tests)
- All Antibody tests (such as IgG, IgA, IgM and Rapid Antibody Tests)
- All blood tests (such as fingerstick, venipuncture)
- All plasma tests
- All serum tests
- All lateral flow tests
- Any doctor's note