

Chief Judge
Laura Taylor Swain

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN RE: CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

M10-468

THIS MATTER RELATES TO: Restrictions on Entry
to the Courthouses

FIFTEENTH
AMENDED
STANDING ORDER

In the interest of public health and safety, and after consideration of public health guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State, New York City, Westchester County, and other public health authorities, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York hereby orders that, effective immediately and until this order is rescinded,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or been told by a health-care provider to assume they have COVID-19 due to symptoms or other factors in the past 10 days, must abide by the Court's protocols set forth in the memorandum titled COVID-19 Protocols Following Positive Diagnosis, Symptoms or Exposure to COVID-19, which can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who has experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 5 days, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, extreme fatigue, nausea or vomiting, congestion or runny nose, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, and diarrhea, must abide by the Court's protocols set forth in the memorandum titled COVID-19 Protocols Following Positive Diagnosis, Symptoms or Exposure to COVID-19, which can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who has been in close contact with anyone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days must abide by the Court's protocols set forth in the memorandum titled COVID-19 Protocols Following Positive Diagnosis, Symptoms or Exposure to COVID-19, which can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who has been in close contact with anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 10 days must abide by the Court's protocols set forth in the memorandum titled COVID-19 Protocols Following Positive Diagnosis, Symptoms or Exposure to COVID-19, which can be found on the Court's website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer.

Anyone who has business in one of the courthouses of the Southern District of New York, but who cannot enter because of this order, should do the following:

- Persons who are represented by an attorney should contact their attorney;
- Attorneys or pro se litigants who are scheduled to appear in court before a judge should contact the judge's chambers directly (contact information may be found in the Judges' Individual Practices on the court's public web page);
- Persons who are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services Officer should contact the Office of Pretrial Services at (212) 805-4300;
- Persons who are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer should contact the Probation Office at (212) 805-0040;
- Jurors should contact the Jury Department at (212) 805-0179;
- Employees reporting to work at the courthouse should contact their supervisor;
- Persons having any other business with the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York should contact the Clerk of Court at (212) 805-0140;
- Persons having business with the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit should contact Catherine Wolfe, Clerk of Court, at (646) 584-2696;
- Persons having business with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York should contact Bankruptcy Court Services at (212) 284-4040;
- For all other matters, please contact the District Executive's Office at (212) 805-0500.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that while in the courthouse, all persons must comply with the following rules:

- **Face Coverings:** Individuals are generally not required to wear masks unless instructed to do so by a judicial officer in a courtroom or its adjacent areas (e.g., robing room, jury deliberation room).
- **Social Distancing:** Individuals are generally not required to maintain any specific distance from others unless instructed to do so by a judicial officer in a courtroom or its adjacent areas (e.g., robing room, jury deliberation room).

Anyone who fails or refuses to abide by these rules will be required to leave the courthouse immediately.

This order supersedes and replaces the Fourteenth Amended Standing Order on Restrictions on Entry to Courthouses that was entered on August 10, 2022, and will remain in place until further notice.

ENTERED this 7th day of September, 2022, at New York, New York.



LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN
Chief United States District Judge