

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

Miscellaneous Case No. 2:20-mc-00052



**IN RE: ENTRY INTO COURTHOUSES
OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT
OF WEST VIRGINIA IN LIGHT OF
THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

GENERAL ORDER #2

On March 13, 2020 a General Order was entered recognizing the exigent circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic and continuing all jury matters in the District for a period of two weeks. Since that time, there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in West Virginia, and the guidance issued by local and national public health authorities has urged the public to increase social distancing and take other precautions in order to slow the spread of disease.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, effective immediately, in an attempt to ensure the safety of courthouse staff and visitors, the following persons shall not enter any courthouse in the Southern District of West Virginia:

- Persons who have returned from travel in the last 14 days to an area with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice issued by the Centers for Disease Control (updated list available at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>);

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with anyone who has returned from travel in the last 14 days to an area with a Level 3 Travel Health Notice issued by the Centers for Disease Control (updated list available at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>);
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- Persons with fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

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

If you are scheduled to appear at this courthouse or otherwise need to visit offices in the building and you are unable to enter because of these restrictions and you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney, or use the appropriate contact information listed below.

- District Clerk — (304) 347-3000
- Bankruptcy Clerk — (304) 347-3003
- U.S. Trustee (304) 347-3400
- Probation and Pretrial Services — (304) 347-3300
- Marshals Service — (304) 347-5136
- U.S. Attorney (304) 345-2200
- Federal Public Defender (304) 347-3350
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SO ORDERED this 18th day of March, 2020.



THOMAS E. JOHNSTON, CHIEF JUDGE