

News Advisory: March 27, 2020

The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan announced today that 10 court security officers (CSOs) have exhibited symptoms similar to COVID-19, four have been hospitalized and two have been diagnosed with the virus.

The officers were in the building between March 12-21. The building was closed March 24 for disinfecting and the entire staff was sent home. The courthouse will remain closed indefinitely. The identities of the officers are not being disclosed.

Security officers at both the district courthouse and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court across the street were sent home to self-monitor for 14 days. Bankruptcy Court is closed and being deep cleaned as well.

Court staffers were advised to contact their supervisors if they exhibit symptoms. For the time being, most are working remotely by computer and telephone. Signs have been posted at courthouses advising lawyers and the public of the situation.