

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

Re: Access to Federal District Court
Courthouses in the Eastern District
of Michigan During the COVID-19
Pandemic

Administrative Order

21-AO- 009

ADMINISTRATIVE 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, State of Michigan, and other public health authorities, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan hereby orders that, effective immediately and until this order is rescinded,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following persons may not enter any courthouse in the Eastern District of Michigan:

- Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last 10 days.
- Persons, without being fully vaccinated*, who have been exposed within the last 10 days to anyone who tested positive for COVID-19, (*received last vaccination shot at least two weeks before contact).
- Persons who are currently experiencing, or have experienced, the following symptoms that are not attributed to a known medical condition, in the last 10 days:
 - Cough
 - Shortness of breath
 - Muscle or body aches
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Nausea or vomiting
- Persons who in the last 10 days, have traveled outside the State of Michigan without being fully vaccinated* for COVID-19, (*received last vaccination shot at least two weeks before travel).
- Persons with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.

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 Eastern District of

Michigan, 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 under the "Judges" tab on the Court's internet site, www.mied.uscourts.gov);
- Persons who are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services Officer should contact the Office of Pretrial Services at (313) 234-5300;
- Persons who are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer should contact the Probation Office at (313) 234-5400;
- Jurors should contact the Jury Department at (313) 234-5085;
- Employees reporting to work at the courthouse should contact their supervisor;
- Persons having any other business with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan should contact the Court Administrator's Office at (313) 234-5051;
- Persons with other District Court matters should contact (313) 234-5000.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that every person who comes to one of the courthouses of the Eastern District of Michigan for any reason must pass through the following entry screening process:

- Have their temperature taken, using a contactless thermometer. A person with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, will not be permitted to enter the courthouse.
- Answer screening questions about COVID-19 status and possible recent COVID-19 exposure. A person whose answers indicate that they fall into one of the categories listed above of persons who may not enter the courthouse, will not be permitted to enter the courthouse.
- Wear a mask that covers the person's nose and mouth. If a person does not have a mask, they will be provided one.

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

- **Face Coverings:** You must wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth in all public areas of the courthouse including hallways, public counters, elevators and courtrooms.
- **Social Distancing:** You must adhere to safe social distancing rules, by standing or sitting at least six feet away from other individuals. You must abide by markings on floors and/or benches indicating where you may stand or sit. If you are standing in line, you must keep six feet away from the person in front of you and behind you, unless you are taking care of a small child or assisting someone with special needs. Elevator capacity will be limited as posted. All elevator occupants must wear masks.
- **Instructional Signage:** You must abide by all health and hygiene signage throughout the courthouses, including signage regarding masks, social distancing, occupancy restrictions, and hand washing.

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

People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

This order will remain in place until further notice.

IT IS ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:

S/Denise Page Hood
Denise Page Hood
Chief Judge