

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE:
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2022 - 22**

REVISED RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY TO
COURTHOUSES OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
NEW YORK

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MARGO K. BRODIE, Chief Judge

This Court continues to monitor the need to protect public safety and health while effectively administering justice during this period of national emergency. Public health authorities have advised, and continue to advise, public agencies and private entities to continue to take necessary and appropriate precautions to help reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and the spread of the disease.

The Court previously issued Administrative Orders 2020-05 and 2020-22 setting forth certain restrictions on courthouse visitors, which restrictions are hereby superseded. In response to updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as from public health authorities in New York State, New York City, and the counties of Nassau and Suffolk, and in order to continue to further the health and safety of the public, court personnel, and all who have business in the courthouses of the Eastern District of New York, effective immediately and until this Order is rescinded, it is hereby

ORDERED that the following persons shall not enter any of the courthouses in the Eastern District of New York:

- Persons who have been advised to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency within the last 5 days;
- Persons who, within the last 5 days, have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been told by a health professional to presume they have COVID-19; and
- Persons who have any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, headache, body aches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, or extreme fatigue, unless the symptoms are attributable to another known condition.

If you are scheduled or required to appear at any courthouse in the Eastern District of New York and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions in this Order, you are directed to contact the appropriate person(s) as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney;
- If you are an attorney or a *pro se* party, and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, contact that chambers directly (contact information may be found in the judges' Individual Practices or by calling the Clerk's Office);
- For District Court matters, contact the Clerk of Court at (718) 613-2270 in Brooklyn, or (631) 712-6000 in Central Islip;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services officer or a Probation Department Officer, contact the appropriate office or officer;
- If you are a juror, contact the Jury Department at (718) 613-2376 in Brooklyn, or (631) 712-6088 in Central Islip;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, consult the website of the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of New York at www.nyeb.uscourts.gov; and
- For any matter not listed here, call your agency contact or the Clerk of Court at the numbers listed above.

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 a mask unless instructed to do so by a judicial officer in a courtroom or adjacent areas, e.g., a jury deliberation room, *except* that all individuals must wear a mask in the Arraignment Courtroom; individuals may choose to wear a mask in common or public areas, including courtrooms, unless instructed otherwise by a judicial officer; and
- **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 adjacent areas such as a jury deliberation room, etc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that anyone who fails or refuses to abide by any provision of this Order will be denied entry to the courthouse, and/or required to immediately leave the courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Order supersedes and replaces Administrative Orders 2020-05 and 2020-22.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: September 22, 2022
Brooklyn, New York

s/MKB
MARGO K. BRODIE
Chief United States District Judge