

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

United States District Court
District of Connecticut
FILED AT NEW HAVEN

IN RE: Restriction on Visitors to Courthouses

GENERAL ORDER

march 11 2020
Roberta D. Tabora, Clerk
Deputy Clerk

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Connecticut has declared a public health emergency throughout the State;

AND

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention having advised people to take precautions due to the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak, and having noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus, through, among other means, social distancing;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective immediately, that the following persons shall not enter any courthouse in the District of Connecticut:

- Persons who have been in any of the following locations within the last 14 days:

CHINA
SOUTH KOREA
JAPAN
ITALY
IRAN
NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK (other than in a car or train)
ANY LOCALE THAT IS IN QUARANTINE

(This list may be updated as further guidance is received.)

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the locations listed above within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, health provider, or public health official;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

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

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses in the District of Connecticut, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- If you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, please contact that judge's chambers directly (contact information may be found on the Court's website);
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation officer, please contact the Probation Office at the relevant location and phone number below:

Brien McMahon Federal Building
Bridgeport (203) 579-5707

Abraham Ribicoff Federal Building
Hartford (860) 240-3661

Richard C. Lee U.S. Courthouse
New Haven (203) 773-2100

- If you are a juror, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at the relevant location and phone number below:

Brien McMahon Federal Building
Bridgeport (203) 579-5560

Abraham Ribicoff Federal Building
Hartford (860) 240-2694

Richard C. Lee U.S. Courthouse
New Haven (203) 773-2309

- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please contact the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at the relevant location and phone number below:

Bridgeport (203) 579-5808

Hartford (860) 240-3675

New Haven (203) 773-2009

These restrictions will remain in place temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them. People who think that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: MARCH 11, 2020

/s/ Stefan R. Underhill

Stefan R. Underhill
Chief United States District Judge