

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA**

IN RE: RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS TO COURTHOUSES

MISCELLANEOUS NO.: 3-20-MC-21

STANDING ORDER

The Centers for Disease Control having advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak, and noting that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, it is hereby

ORDERED, effective immediately, that the following persons shall not enter any courthouse in the Northern District of West Virginia:

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

CHINA

SOUTH KOREA

JAPAN

ITALY

IRAN

(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 countries listed above within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- 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 have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses in the Northern District of West Virginia, 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 chambers directly (contact information may be found on the court's website at www.wvnd.uscourts.gov);
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Administrator at (304) 636-1445;
- For District Court matters, please contact the District Clerk's Office at the following locations: Clarksburg (304) 622-8513, Elkins (304) 636-1445, Martinsburg (304) 267-8225, or Wheeling (304) 232-0011;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please contact the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office at the following location: Wheeling (304) 233-1655;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer, please contact the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services at the following locations: Clarksburg (304) 624-5504, Elkins (304) 636-7277, Martinsburg (304) 267-0778, or Wheeling (304) 232-8474.

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

DATED: March 10, 2020



Gina M. Groh
Chief United States District Judge
Northern District of West Virginia