

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

**IN RE: RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS TO COURTHOUSES**

MISCELLANOUS NO.: 3-20-MC- 21

**SECOND AMENDED STANDING ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Court previously entered a Standing Order in this case placing restrictions on visitors to the federal courthouses in the Northern District of West Virginia due to the emergency conditions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. After reviewing current guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the previous Order is hereby amended as follows:

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

- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had close physical contact with, anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19, or anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19 within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency within the last 14 days;
- Persons with fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea within the last 48 hours.

**Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer unless an exception is granted by the Court.**

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](http://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 remain in effect until further order of the Court.

**DATED:** April 14, 2021.



GINA M. GROH  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE