

**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

**AMENDED STANDING ORDER**

WHEREAS on March 10, 2020, the Court 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. Given the persistent nature of the COVID-19 virus in West Virginia and the continued need to take precautions to avoid exposure to the virus, and reviewing additional information and guidance received from the Centers for Disease Control since March 10, 2020, the previous Order is hereby amended as follows:

IT IS ORDERED, effective immediately, that the following persons may be denied entry to any courthouse in the Northern District of West Virginia:

- Persons who have been in any of the following countries or to a known hot spot within the United States 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 or a known hot spot within the United States within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency within the last 20 days;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 20 days;
- Persons with fever, cough or shortness of breath within the last 20 days.

**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 appropriate judicial 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](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 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: July 15, 2020



GINA M. GROH  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE