

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**GENERAL ORDER 20-1
MARCH 12, 2020**

**IN RE: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY
ORDER CONCERNING ACCESS TO COURT FACILITIES**

Due to the coronavirus outbreak, and in order to protect public health and safety, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

Effective immediately, the following persons shall not enter any courthouse or probation office in the District of Massachusetts:

- Persons who have travelled to any countries within the last fourteen days for which the Centers for Disease Control has issued Level Two or Level Three travel health notices, including, as of the date of this order:

China
Italy
Iran
Japan
South Korea

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

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has travelled to one of those countries within the last fourteen 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 the coronavirus;
- Persons with apparent symptoms of COVID-19, such as, fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of this order 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 or probation offices, and you are unable to do so because of these restrictions, 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 session directly;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation or Pretrial Services officer, please contact the office of Probation and Pretrial Services Office at (617)748-4200;
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Department at (617)748-9082;
- For Court of Appeals matters, please contact the Clerk's Office for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, at (617)748-9057;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please contact the Clerk's Office of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court at (617) 748-5300;
- For other District Court matters, please contact the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court at (617) 748-9152;

These restrictions will remain in place until further notice. If you believe you may have been exposed to coronavirus you should contact your healthcare provider immediately.

So Ordered.

Dated: March 12, 2020



F. Dennis Saylor IV
Chief Judge, United States District Court