

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Visitor Restrictions

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts announces visitor restrictions to all courthouses and probation offices in the District as a result of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has advised people to take precautions in light of the coronavirus outbreak and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Therefore, 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 CDC 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 any 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 these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer.

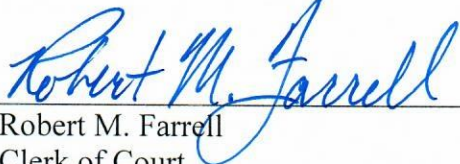
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If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses or probation office in the District of Massachusetts, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as 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 session directly;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation or Pretrial Services officer, please contact the office of Probation and Pretrial Services 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 temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them. People who think they may have been exposed to the coronavirus should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

March 12, 2020


Robert M. Farrell
Clerk of Court

**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:

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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