

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

The Honorable Margo K. Brodie  
Chief Judge



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**UPDATED HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

Effective October 7, 2022

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the health and safety of everyone who comes to our courthouses - employees, lawyers, litigants, jurors, contractors, law enforcement personal, the press, and interested members of the public – remains our first priority. After ongoing guidance from an expert epidemiologist retained by the Court, as well as leading health organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and New York State, New York City and Long Island public health agencies, the Eastern District of New York (EDNY) extends the following health and safety protocols for everyone’s protection. The Court may modify these protocols as necessary.

**Courthouse Entry Restrictions**

The following persons **may not** enter an EDNY courthouse:

1. Persons who feel sick or have any symptoms associated with COVID-19 including:
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Body aches
  - Congestion
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste of smell
2. Persons who have been advised to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency within the last 5 days.
3. Persons who, within the last 5 days, have tested positive for COVID-19, been diagnosed with COVID-19, or told by a health professional to presume that they have COVID-19. The 5-day period must be extended if the person is still experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

If you are a court employee, you must alert your supervisor if you cannot enter the courthouse due to any of the above restrictions. You will be instructed on how to participate in the Court's Contact Tracing Program if appropriate.

If you are not an employee and are required to report to the courthouse on official business – whether you are a lawyer, witness, defendant, litigant, juror, contractor, or under the supervision of the Office of Pretrial Services or United States Probation Department – you should contact the person who directed you to report if you fall into one of the above categories.

### **During Your Time in the Courthouse**

While you are in the courthouse, you must comply with the following rules. If you fail or refuse to abide by these rules, you will be required to leave the courthouse immediately.

**Hand Washing and Sanitizing:** Everyone in the courthouse is expected to practice appropriate hygiene including frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and the use of hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer has been placed throughout the courthouses, especially in highly trafficked areas like courtroom entrances, employee work areas, and public counters.

**Responsibility for ensuring a safe courthouse environment rests with everyone who comes to our Court. Please help us by following these protocols during your visit.**