

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

IN RE: RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS
TO THE COURTHOUSE

**TEMPORARY GENERAL ORDER REGARDING RESTRICTIONS ON
VISITORS TO THE COURTHOUSE**

The United States District Court for the District of Alaska announces visitor restrictions to all divisional offices including Anchorage, Juneau, and Fairbanks and federal Probation and Pretrial Services offices in Alaska as a result of the COVID-19 virus outbreak.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 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 and pretrial services office in the District of Alaska including all divisional offices:

- Persons who have traveled 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 all locations listed by the CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

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

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled 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 COVID-19;
- Persons with apparent symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath.

All visits by minors or student groups to, and all tours of, the Courthouses of the District of Alaska unrelated to a Court proceeding are hereby CANCELLED.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by Court Security Officers.

All posted notices are also available on the Court's public website at www.akd.uscourts.gov

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses or Probation and Pretrial Services offices in the District of Alaska, 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 judge's courtroom deputy directly;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation or Pretrial Services officer, please visit the Probation and Pretrial Services Office website at <http://www.akp.uscourts.gov/>;
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Department at (907) 677-6137 or juryclerk@akd.uscourts.gov;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please visit the Bankruptcy Court's website <https://www.akb.uscourts.gov/>;
- For other District Court matters, please visit the District Court's website at <http://www.akd.uscourts.gov/>.
- For US Courts Library closures or legal research needs please visit the library's website at <https://www.ca9uscourts.gov/library/> or email anchoragelibrary@lb9.uscourts.gov.

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 COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: Anchorage, Alaska, March 13, 2020.



/s/ Timothy M. Burgess
Timothy M. Burgess
Chief United States District Judge

In Re Restrictions on Visitors to the Courthouse, Temporary General Order Regarding
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