

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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CLERK OF COURT
U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
CINCINNATI, OHIO

IN RE

ORDER REGARDING COURTHOUSE
ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 47-1

In preparation for the eventual reopening of the courthouses when COVID-19 conditions permit, the Court enters this general order regarding courthouse entry requirements effective immediately. Three requirements must be satisfied to enter Court space.¹

Temperature Screening

All individuals seeking access into Court space must walk through a touchless temperature screening device located at each courthouse entrance. Access to Court space will be denied by Court Security Officers if an individual has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher.

Screening Examination

All individuals seeking access into Court space must also pass a three-question screening examination to enter Court space. Access to Court space will be denied by Court Security Officers if an individual answers "YES" to any of the three screening questions. The three questions, posted on signs at the entry of each courthouse, are:

Question 1: Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours?

- Fever (100.4 degrees or higher) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell

¹ Court space is defined to include, without limitation, courtrooms, attorney conference rooms, Chambers, and the Clerk's Office.

- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Question 2: Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (six feet or closer for at least 15 minutes) with a person who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 or with anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?

Question 3: Within the past 14 days, did you receive laboratory confirmation that you have COVID-19 or has a public health or medical professional told you to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection? This includes if you are waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test that was recommended by a medical professional.

Court Security Officers will not ask the specific screening examination questions. Instead, Court Security Officers will instruct the individual to review the screening questions and ask whether the individual answers “YES” to any of the questions.

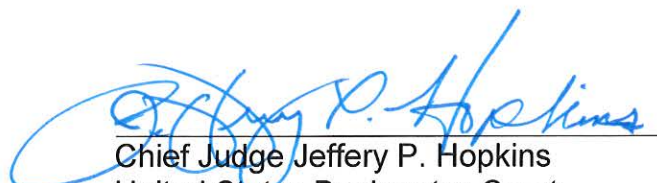
Mandatory Face Coverings

Individuals who are ten years of age or older will not be permitted to enter Court space without wearing a face covering that covers the mouth and nose. Face coverings must be worn at all times in Court space, unless instructed otherwise by a presiding judge. Individuals not complying with this requirement will be denied access to, or escorted from, the premises.

Court Security Officers are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to enforce the terms of this general order. This general order shall remain effective until amended or vacated by a subsequent general order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT


Chief Judge Jeffrey P. Hopkins
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Ohio