

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT
CINCINNATI, OHIO

IN RE

AMENDED ORDER REGARDING
COURTHOUSE ENTRY
REQUIREMENTSGENERAL ORDER NO. 47-2
(Effective August 2, 2021)

General Order 47-1 details the Court's current entry requirements concerning temperature screening, health screening questions, and face coverings. Given the continuing decline of COVID-19 cases in the Southern District of Ohio since the beginning of 2021, access to vaccination for all Ohio adults since March 29, 2021, and Governor DeWine's June 18, 2021 Executive Order 2021-08D ending the state of emergency in Ohio, General Order 47-1 is amended and superseded as follows:

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

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

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- 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 will not be permitted to enter Court space without wearing a face covering that covers the mouth and nose unless they affirmatively represent to a Court Security Officer upon entering the building that they have been fully vaccinated² against the COVID-19 virus, in which case they are exempt from the face covering requirement. Unless exempt, face coverings must be worn at all times in Court space. At his or her discretion, a judge presiding at any in-court proceeding may require face coverings during those proceedings. Individuals not complying with the face covering requirement will be denied access to, or escorted from, the premises.

² Full vaccination means that 14 days, or more, have passed since the individual received the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccination.

Court Security Officers are authorized and directed to take all steps necessary to enforce the terms of this general order.

This general order is effective on August 2, 2021, and shall remain effective until amended or vacated by a subsequent general order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 19, 2021

FOR THE COURT



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