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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey Announces Visitor Restrictions

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

The Centers for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and noted 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 in the District of New Jersey:

- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, COVID-19
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has had close contact with someone who has been asked to self-quarantine.

Visitors to the Courthouses are directed to report any of the above possible exposure to COVID-19 to the Court Security Officer at the Screening area before entering the Courthouse.

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

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses in the District of New Jersey, 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 chambers directly (contact information may be found on this website under Our Judges>Judicial Preferences).
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services officer, please contact the office of Pretrial Services for your vicinage. Camden: 856-757-5107; Newark: 973-645-2230; Trenton: 609-989-2056
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation officer, please contact the Probation office for your vicinage. Camden: 856-757-5043; Newark: 973-645-4240; Trenton: 609-989-2071
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Department for your vicinage. Camden: 856-757-5039; Newark: 973-645-3499; Trenton: 609-989-2141
- For Court of Appeals matters, please contact the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit at 215-597-2995
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please contact Bankruptcy Court Services for your vicinage. Camden: 856-361-2300; Newark: 973-645-4764; Trenton: 609-858-9333
- For all other matters, please contact one of the District Court Clerk's Offices. Camden: 856-757-5021; Newark: 973-645-3730; Trenton: 609-989-2065

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 COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.