

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

IN RE: AMENDMENT/RECISSION OF COVID-19 :
PROTOCOLS : **STANDING ORDER 2023-05**

WHEREAS, the national emergency declared in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 was terminated on April 10, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the United States District Court of New Jersey (the “Court”) since that date has rescinded most protocols initiated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and deemed necessary to the Court’s safe and effective operations; and

WHEREAS, Standing Order 2020-14 prohibits persons either diagnosed with COVID-19, or told by a medical professional to presume that they have COVID-19, from entering any courthouse in this District for fourteen (14) days; and

WHEREAS, this Court has relied on, and continues to rely on, guidance received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other public health authorities regarding COVID-19 to draft, amend, and revise its Court protocols and procedures; accordingly


IT IS ORDERED, effective immediately, that Standing Order 2020-14 is amended as follows:

1. The prohibition against persons diagnosed with COVID-19, or told by a medical professional to presume that they have COVID-19, entering any District courthouse for fourteen (14) days is hereby rescinded.
2. All persons diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last fourteen (14) days, or told by a health professional to presume they have COVID-19 within the last fourteen (14) days, should adhere to and follow current CDC guidance applicable to isolating and/or entering any community setting before entering any District courthouse, unless ordered otherwise; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. All infection prevention and control protocols, including but not limited to contract tracing and screening protocols, initiated by the Court in response to the pandemic in an effort to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 are hereby rescinded;
2. Nothing contained in this Order shall directly or indirectly modify the provisions of Standing Order 2023-02, which remains in full force and effect.

Date: November ^{21st}, 2023


Hon. Renée Marie Bumb
Chief United States District Judge