

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN RE: Restrictions on Visitors to
Courthouses

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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 Northern District of Alabama:

- Persons who have travelled to any of the following countries within the last 14 days:

CHINA
SOUTH KOREA
JAPAN
ITALY
IRAN

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

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has travelled to one of the countries listed above within the last 14 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 unexplained fever, cough or shortness of breath.

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 Northern District of Alabama, 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 (or contact the Clerk's Office 205-278-1700 or refer to the Court's website www.alnd.uscourts.gov, for chambers contact information);
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services officer, please contact the office of Pretrial Services at (205) 716-2900;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation officer, please contact the Probation office at (205) 716-2900;
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Department at (205) 278-1700;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please contact Bankruptcy Court Services at (205) 714-4000;
- For District Court matters, please contact the Clerk of Court at (205) 278-1700;

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.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 11th day of March, 2020



L. Scott Cogler
Chief United States District Judge
Northern District of Alabama