

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL ORDER No. 73

Temporary Restrictions on Courthouse Access due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency;
Consolidation and Relocation of All Essential Operations to the San Francisco Courthouse

On March 26, 2020, in order to further protect the health of parties, attorneys, court staff, and other potential visitors to the court, all essential court proceedings were consolidated and relocated to the San Francisco Courthouse at 450 Golden Gate Avenue, until April 7, 2020. This period is hereby extended until May 1, 2020, and may be extended by further order.

Only persons having official court business authorized by General Order No. 72, or by a presiding judge, may enter the San Francisco Courthouse property. Members of the press and public who have a legitimate need to observe an in-person hearing may do so, and such attendance will be considered "official court business." **However, courtroom spectators are reminded that a shelter-in-place has been ordered throughout the State of California, and that there are health and safety risks associated with attending an in-person court hearing.** This limited access for the press and public applies only to the San Francisco courthouse. The Intake Office's drop box has been moved to the first-floor lobby at the Turk Street entrance.

All other courthouses of the United States District Court, Northern District of California, shall be entirely closed to the general public until May 1, 2020. This period may be extended by further order, and this closure applies to the following locations:

- (1) The United States Courthouse of the Ronald V. Dellums Federal Building at 1301 Clay Street, Oakland;
- (2) The United States Courthouse of the Robert F. Peckham Federal Building, 280 South First Street, San Jose; and
- (3) The United States Courthouse at 3140 Boeing Avenue, McKinleyville.

ADOPTED: March 16, 2020

AMENDED: March 23, 2020
March 25, 2020
April 2, 2020

FOR THE COURT:



PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON
CHIEF JUDGE