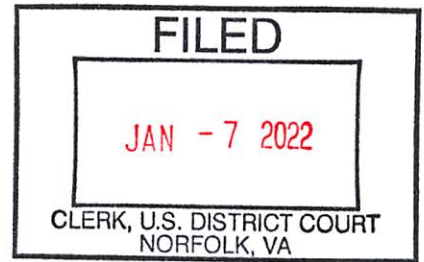


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA



In re:  
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT  
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE OUTBREAK  
OF CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19):  
UPDATED PUBLIC ENTRY NOTICES

Case No. 2:20mc7

General Order No. 2022-01

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia has continued to closely monitor the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), as well as the developing guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local health authorities. Notwithstanding ongoing COVID-19 vaccination efforts, the COVID-19 Omicron variant has recently caused a meteoric rise in the number of newly identified COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations across this District and the state of Virginia.

In response to the Omicron variant, and emerging medical studies analyzing its peak periods of transmissibility, the CDC has recently updated its guidance regarding quarantine and isolation following a COVID-19 exposure or positive test. In light of such changes, and after considering the Omicron variant's increased ability to infect fully vaccinated individuals, the Court **ADOPTS** updated Courthouse entrance requirements, effective **Monday, January 10, 2022**. The updated entry requirements are set forth in the

public notices attached to the instant General Order, and they apply to all members of the public entering our Courthouses and Court facilities, regardless of vaccination status. The public notices will be posted at all public entrances to our Courthouses and Court facilities.

The updated entry requirements will remain in place until further Order of the Court based upon emerging CDC guidance and the recommendations from state and local health officials. As indicated on the updated notices, Courthouse entry requirements are subject to appropriate exceptions made on a case-by-case basis by the Senior Active Judge for the Alexandria and Richmond Divisions, and the Chief Judge for the Norfolk and Newport News Divisions.

**It is so ORDERED.**

/s/ 

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Mark S. Davis

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Norfolk, Virginia  
January 7, 2022

# **Public Notices**

## **Attached Notices**

- Alexandria Courthouse
- Newport News Courthouse
- Norfolk Courthouse
- Richmond Courthouse



# ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

## PEOPLE EXPERIENCING COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

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- The Pretrial Services Office at (703) 299-2250;
- The Probation Office at (703) 299-2300;
- The Jury Department at (703) 299-2104;
- The District Court Clerk's Office at (703) 299-2101 for civil matters and at (703) 299-2102 for criminal matters;
- The Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at (703) 258-1200; or
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- The Probation Office at (757) 223-4640;
- The Jury Department at (757) 222-7205;
- The District Court Clerk's Office at (757) 247-0784;
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