



ENTRANCE POLICY

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS

You should not enter the Courthouse if you are experiencing virus or COVID-like symptoms, including:

- a fever (*100.4 degrees or greater during the last 24 hours*);
- chills;
- new shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- persistent cough;
- new loss of taste or smell; or
- other flu-like symptoms (*muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea*).

Masks are optional unless you are instructed otherwise. Inside of our courtrooms, the presiding judge may require you to wear a mask, and the directives of the presiding judge must be followed at all times. Individual judges may also elect to require masks in their chambers. Masks are available at the entrance upon request.

Please continue reading: COVID-19 infection and exposure guidance, as well as Court contact numbers, are provided on the next page.



COVID-19 Infection or Exposure

- **If you test positive for COVID-19, you should not enter the Courthouse for at least 5 days. If your symptoms are not improving after 5 days, you should not enter the Courthouse until they improve. If your symptoms are improving after 5 days and you enter the Courthouse, consistent with CDC guidance, you should wear a high-quality mask while in the Courthouse through day 10.**
- **If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, the CDC recommends that you wear a high-quality mask when around others and when in public places - such as the Courthouse. The CDC further recommends that you watch for symptoms and that you isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.**
- **With respect to Flu, RSV, and other viruses, please exhibit courtesy and follow the policy on page 1.**

If you are unable to appear for a Court proceeding or other matter based on this policy, you should contact:

- The Judge's Chambers scheduled to handle the relevant proceeding;
- The Pretrial Services Office at (804) 916-2800;
- The Probation Office at (804) 916-2500;
- The Jury Department at (804) 916-2212;
- The District Court Clerk's Office at (804) 916-2220 for civil matters and at (804) 916-2230 for criminal matters;
- The Bankruptcy Court Clerk's Office at (804) 916-2400; or
- For U.S. Court of Appeals matters, the Fourth Circuit Clerk's Office at (804) 916-2700.