

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

IN RE: COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS REGARDING ENTRANCE TO COURTHOUSES
OR COURTROOMS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-2

The United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas announces entry restrictions for visitors to courthouses or courtrooms in the District as a result of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak.

Effective immediately, the following persons shall not enter any Western District of Arkansas courthouse located in Fort Smith, Fayetteville or El Dorado or any courtroom or court office located in Hot Springs or Texarkana, Arkansas:

- Persons who have traveled in the last fourteen days to any of the following countries or regions:

China
Europe (with the exception of Great Britain)
Iran
Japan
South Korea
Any other country for which the CDC has issued a Level 3 Travel Health Notice;
(This list may be updated as further guidance is received.)
- Persons who reside or who have had close contact with someone who has traveled to any of those countries within the last fourteen 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 direct contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Persons with apparent symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer or Deputy United States Marshal.

What to do if you are denied access to a Western District of Arkansas Courthouse or Courtroom:

- 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 the chambers of the presiding judge;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services Officer or a Probation Officer, please contact the Probation Office at the relevant location and phone number below:

Fort Smith Office
(479) 783-8050

Fayetteville Office
(479) 442-9892

Hot Springs Office
(501) 321-9526

Texarkana Office
(903) 793-0461

El Dorado Office
(870) 862-1347

- If you are a juror or prospective juror, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (479) 783-6833; and
- For other District Court matters, please contact the District Court Clerk's Office at (479) 783-6833.

This Administrative Order will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 16th day of March, 2020.



SUSAN O. HICKEY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE