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David J. Smith
Clerk

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

GENERAL ORDER NO. 49

REQUIREMENTS TO ENTER COURT FACILITIES

This General Order is issued in response to the updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. It is hereby ORDERED that:

- General Order No. 44 entered on March 15, 2020, and General Order 46 entered August 14, 2020, are VACATED.
- All court staff and visitors must comply with screening procedures and posted signs.
- Individuals are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received their second dose in a 2-dose series or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.
- Fully vaccinated individuals **SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ACCESS** to court facilities if they:
 - Tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days,
 - Are undergoing testing for COVID-19, or
 - Currently have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, including a temperature of more than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell.
- Individuals who are not fully vaccinated **SHALL NOT BE ALLOWED ACCESS** to court facilities if they:
 - Tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 10 days,
 - Are undergoing testing for COVID-19,
 - Within the previous 14 days, have had known close contact with a person who has COVID-19 or have been asked or required to self-quarantine, or
 - Within the previous 14 days, have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, including had a temperature of more than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell.

- Individuals who would not be allowed access to court facilities shall not submit paper copies of briefs or appendices and should contact the Clerk's Office for further instructions.
- By entering court facilities, all individuals are self-certifying that they meet the requirements for doing so and that they will comply with posted signs.
- Fully vaccinated individuals are no longer required to wear a mask or physically distance within court facilities. *However, those who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask and physically distance consistent with CDC guidance.* Nothing in this order prohibits an individual who is fully vaccinated from choosing to wear a mask and physically distancing. Individuals may be requested to provide proof of their vaccination status.
- The presiding judge in any court proceeding may require the wearing of a mask during the proceeding or authorize the removal of a mask during the proceeding.
- If an individual does not have a mask or face covering and if a mask is available, the Court may provide a mask. If an individual who is not fully vaccinated does not wear a mask and the Court does not have one to provide, the individual will be denied entry.
- Each visitor must use the temperature self-check station. Posted written instructions will list the procedures for taking the entrant's temperature.
- A list of all relevant contacts and telephone numbers for the court units will be posted. Any visitor or vendor denied building entry due to suspected illness will be asked to contact the appropriate court unit for further instructions.

The Court will continue to assess the ongoing need for the entry restrictions and update such restrictions as warranted. The Court takes this temporary action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and out of concern for the health and safety of the federal judiciary and staff, members of the Bar, and the public.

Questions regarding this Order may be directed to the Clerk's Office at (404) 335-6100 or clerks_office@ca11.uscourts.gov.


 Chief Judge