

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CLOSURE OF COURT FACILITIES
UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY
COVID-19 AND RELATED
CORONAVIRUS

GENERAL ORDER

On March 18, 2020, and March 20, 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana issued three General Orders closing to the public the Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville and New Albany courthouses. This was done in light of the rapidly evolving situation presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing risks to the public, Court personnel, and the orderly administration of justice.

The General Orders provided that Court interpreters may continue to enter courthouses for scheduled proceedings. The General Orders also provided that commercial package couriers with appropriate identification could enter courthouses.

The Court's General Orders issued on March 18, 2020, and March 20, 2020, remain in effect, but they are **amended** as follows. To the extent this Order differs from previous Orders of the Court on this subject, this Order supersedes and replaces those Orders.


First, persons under supervision by the United States Probation Office are permitted to report to courthouses for specific supervision activities (e.g., drug testing) as directed by the United States Probation Office. Persons under supervision will be

escorted at all times by U.S. Probation personnel and briefly seen by a United States Probation Officer to complete only the specific supervision activities required.

Second, other individuals (e.g., vendors) will be permitted to enter courthouses when necessary for continued court operations on an as needed basis. Such individuals will be escorted by court staff at all times.

Third, individuals required to participate in scheduled Court proceedings will be permitted to enter courthouses. Court staff must be given sufficient notice that an individual intends to participate in a proceeding to allow court staff to make the necessary arrangements to permit courthouse access. Such individuals will be escorted by Court staff or the relevant party to the proceeding to and from the proceeding.

Date: 5/20/2020


Hon. Jane Magnus-Stinson, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Indiana