

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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IN RE:
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS, the CDC has recently updated its guidance concerning quarantine periods applicable to COVID-19,

WHEREAS, the Court has also received advice on the revised CDC quarantine guidance from its advisor, Dr. Erin Bromage,

WHEREAS, the Court continues to review its operations to identify measures that will help slow the spread of the virus by minimizing contact between persons, while at the same time preserving its core mission of serving the public through the fair and impartial administration of justice,


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective immediately and until further order of the Court,
that:

- 1) This order supersedes the General Order entered on March 29, 2021.
- 2) The following persons shall not enter any courthouse in the District of Connecticut:
 - Persons who have, within the past 10 days, experienced fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, extreme fatigue, nausea or vomiting, congestion or runny nose, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, diarrhea, or the new loss of the sense of taste or smell, unless their symptoms have fully resolved and they have received a negative result on a test taken after the resolution of symptoms;
 - Persons who have tested positive for COVID-19, unless (1) at least 10 days have passed from the later of the positive test or the experience of any of the symptoms described above, and (2) such persons have received a negative result on a PCR test taken after the resolution of symptoms or, in an asymptomatic case, no sooner than the 10th day following the positive test;

- Persons who have ongoing exposure to anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 due to residing with that person and an inability to isolate from that person unless (1) at least 10 days have passed from the other person's positive test or start of any of the symptoms described above, whichever is later, and (2) such persons have received a negative result on a rapid or PCR test taken no sooner than the end of the 10-day period.
- Persons who have had close contact with, but not ongoing exposure to, anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, unless (1) at least 5 days have passed from that other person's positive test or start of experience of symptoms and (2) such persons have tested negative on a rapid or PCR test taken no sooner than the end of the 5-day period. For purposes of this order, "close contact" means closer than 6 feet where one or more participants were unmasked for more than 10 minutes cumulative over a 24-hour period or, if all participants were masked, for more than one hour cumulative over a 24-hour period.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: 1/25/2022
Bridgeport, CT


Stefan R. Underhill
Chief United States District Judge