



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONS
FROM: SDNY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
SUBJECT: ENTRY INTO SDNY COURTHOUSES FOLLOWING TRAVEL
DATE: 3/9/21

SDNY Protocol for Travelers

Domestic travelers to New York State who have been fully vaccinated can enter the courthouse within 90 days of their full vaccination without proof of a negative test. According to the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).

Domestic travelers to New York State from contiguous states (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont) and international travelers from CDC Level 1 Health Notice countries under the COVID risk assessment can enter the courthouse without proof of a negative test, regardless of whether they have been vaccinated.

All other domestic travelers and international travelers who were out of New York State for more than 24 hours may not enter the courthouse within ten days after arrival to New York State unless they: (1) test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test* administered no sooner than three days prior to arrival in New York, (2) quarantine upon arrival in New York, and (3) test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test* administered no sooner than the fourth day after arrival in New York.

All other domestic travelers and international travelers who were out of New York State for less than 24 hours may not enter the courthouse within ten days after arrival to New York State unless they test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test* administered no sooner than the fourth day after arrival in New York.

All other criteria for entry set forth in the Third Amended Standing Order on Entry, M10-468, and the SDNY COVID-19 entry questionnaire still apply.

*At-home or mail-in tests are not acceptable. See the list of acceptable tests on the next page.

Proof of negative test results must be submitted in either paper or electronic form at the entrance to the courthouse.

Tests that are accepted:

Accepted Molecular test types:

- PCR / RT-PCR / ddPCR / Rapid PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction)
- NAA / NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification)
- AMP PRB (Amplified Probe)
- LAMP (Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification)
- TMA (Transcription-mediated Amplification)

Accepted Molecular test brands, such as, but not limited to:

- Abbott ID NOW
- Quidel Lyra PCR
- Abbott Realtime PCR
- Cobas Qualitative PCR
- FTD PCR
- Xpert Xpress
- Simplexa Direct PCR

Tests that are not accepted:

- Any at-home or mail-in kits (sample collection must be overseen by licensed medical staff)
- Any test that does not rely on a nasal swab, such as:
 - Sputum, saliva and spit collection (spit in a cup, etc.)
 - Gargle, oral rinse, etc.
 - Oral swab without a nasal swab
- All Antigen (Ag) tests (including Quidel Sophia, Abbott BinaxNOW and Rapid Antigen Tests)
- All Antibody tests (such as IgG, IgA, IgM and Rapid Antibody Tests)
- All blood tests (such as fingerstick, venipuncture)
- All plasma tests
- All serum tests
- All lateral flow tests
- Any doctor's note