



# **NOTICE**

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee has adopted a “Plan for Phased Approach to Resume Court Operations During COVID-19 Pandemic” as of June 1, 2020. The Court is committed to protecting the health of all individuals entering court space. Accordingly, the Court is implementing the following procedures for the safety of the public, parties and attorneys.

1. All persons in the public areas of the courthouse are required to maintain social distancing and wear masks.
2. Individuals seeking to enter the courtroom and/or to obtain access to the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> floor will be subject to temperature and/or oxygen level testing.
3. Persons summoned for jury service, as well as persons serving as grand jurors or trial jurors, will be subject to temperature and/or oxygen level testing before and during their jury service.
4. All judges have created courtroom protocols for jurors, attorneys, parties and members of the public, which includes masks, social distancing, hand sanitizer and other safety measures, in the exercise of the judge’s discretion.
5. Limited public seating will be available for all court proceedings.
6. Courtrooms will be cleaned before and after any court proceedings, subject to the judge’s discretion.
7. A medical professional has been engaged to provide recommendations to the Court for additional safety measures.
8. The Court has placed highly visible signage on the 7th and 8th floors of the Courthouse to remind court staff and the public of guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) related to COVID-19.
9. Any person may contact the Clerk of Court for more information on the Court’s ongoing efforts to create a safe place for court proceedings.