

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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

GENERAL ORDER

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WHEREAS, the Court has recently received advice from its science 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 28, 2022.
- 2) The following persons shall not enter any courthouse in the District of Connecticut:
  - Persons who have, within the past 48 hours, 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 rapid or PCR 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 rapid or PCR test taken after the resolution of symptoms or, in an asymptomatic case, no sooner than the 10<sup>th</sup> 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 5 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 5-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* such persons have tested negative on a rapid or PCR test taken no sooner than the end of the 5-day period, *or* (2) during the 5 days following the close contact, the persons wear a mask at all times while present in the building *and* test negative on a rapid or PCR test on the third and fifth days following the close contact. 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: May 19, 2022  
Bridgeport, CT

  
Stefan R. Underhill  
Chief United States District Judge