

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN RE: )  
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Restrictions on Visitors to Courthouses )  
due to Coronavirus (COVID-19). )  
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**STANDING ORDER**  
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In the interest of public safety, the Court issues the following Order. This Order applies only to those entering on federal district and bankruptcy court business. The United States District Court for the District of South Carolina is closely monitoring the outbreak of the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19, as well as guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The CDC having advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 outbreak, and noting that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, it is hereby

ORDERED, effective immediately, that the following persons shall not enter any federal courthouse in the District of South Carolina:

- Persons who have been in any of the following countries or locations within the last 14 days:

CHINA

SOUTH KOREA

JAPAN

ITALY

IRAN

EGYPT

WASHINGTON STATE

NEW ROCHELLE, NEW YORK

(This list may be updated as further guidance is received).

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the countries or locations listed above within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;

- Persons with symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath.


ORDERED that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court Security Officers shall deny entry to anyone attempting to enter in violation of this Order, and it is further

ORDERED that if you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses in the District of South Carolina, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- If you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, please contact the chambers directly (contact information may be found on the court's website at [www.scd.uscourts.gov](http://www.scd.uscourts.gov));
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Department at 803-253-3997;
- For District Court matters, please contact the District Clerk's Office at the following locations: Columbia 803-765-5816; Charleston 843-579-1401; Florence 843-676-3820; Greenville 864-241-2700;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please consult [www.scb.uscourts.gov](http://www.scb.uscourts.gov) or contact the Bankruptcy Clerk's Office at 803-765-5436 for further instruction. The Bankruptcy Court is authorized to issue whatever additional orders or directives necessary to perform its statutory duties, including but not limited to allowing the filing of bankruptcy petitions and papers;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer, please contact the Office of Probation and Pretrial Services at the following locations: Columbia 803-253-3310; Charleston 843-579-1500; Florence 843-676-3825; Greenville 864-239-6100; Port Royal 843-489-3163; Spartanburg 864-381-6218.

These restrictions will remain in place temporarily until it is determined that it is safe to remove them. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

ORDERED by the Court this 13 day of March, 2020.

  
R. Bryan Harwell, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
District of South Carolina