

NOTICE OF COURTHOUSE CLOSURE

The Houston Division Courthouse will be closed to the public through Sunday, May 17, 2020.

Protocol for District Court Filings and Proceedings

Filings will continue to be processed in bankruptcy, civil and criminal cases via the Case Management/Electronic Case Filing ("CM/ECF") system. For those without access to CM/ECF, documents may be submitted by mail, or in the event of emergency may be submitted by email to: Houston_Operation@txs.uscourts.gov. All emergency filings must include an email address and phone number where the filer may be reached. Filings submitted by mail will be processed upon receipt after the courthouse reopens. Payments by attorneys utilizing the CM/ECF system will be processed via credit card utilizing Pay.gov. Payments by check or money order will be accepted by mail and will be processed upon receipt after the courthouse reopens. **Cash payments will not be accepted during this period of exigent circumstances.**

Any *pro se* litigant filing a case via mail should secure a check or money order and should submit it with his or her filing. Should the *pro se* litigant be unable to secure payment the Clerk's Office will send a notice directing payment be submitted after the courthouse reopens. Any questions may be directed to:

- **Houston Operations at 713-250-5500**

Probation and Pretrial Services

If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation or Pretrial Services Officer, contact the office of Probation and Pretrial Services at 713-250-5266.