

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
ENTERED
May 14 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk 

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS IN THE §
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION UNDER THE §
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED §
BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC §
§

SPECIAL ORDER B-2020-05


ORDER

To protect the health and safety of the public, staff, and judicial officers in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the Federal Judiciary's COVID-19 Recovery Guidelines, and federal, state, and local orders and guidance, it is ORDERED that the Reynaldo G. Garza - Filemon B. Vela U.S. Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas will continue to be closed to the public until further notice and contingent on circumstances permitting reopening as planned. The court will continue to encourage remote or virtual proceedings when feasible and in the interests of justice.

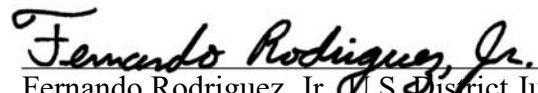
During the closure to the public, employees and contractors who enter the courthouse must wear masks or face coverings in public areas and in shared workspaces where safe social distancing is not possible. When the courthouse reopens, the public will be required to comply with health guidelines such as wearing face masks in the building and following safe social distancing.

The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas is open for, and is busy carrying out, its work. The court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system is not affected by the closure, and parties may continue to file electronically and email documents to the clerk's office following the standing orders and other instructions on the court's website. Consult the court's regularly updated website for further guidance: www.txs.uscourts.gov.

SIGNED this 14th day of May, 2020.



Rolando Olvera, U.S. District Judge



Fernando Rodriguez, Jr., U.S. District Judge