

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
BROWNSVILLE DIVISION

United States District Court
Southern District of Texas
ENTERED

February 25, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk 

IN RE: PUBLIC REOPENING OF THE
U.S. COURTHOUSE IN BROWNSVILLE,
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SPECIAL ORDER B-2021-03

ORDER

The Reynaldo G. Garza – Filemon B. Vela U.S. Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas will reopen to the public on Monday, March 1, 2021. The court will continue to utilize remote or virtual proceedings when feasible and in the interests of justice.

The public, employees, and contractors who enter the courthouse must wear masks/face coverings in public areas and in shared workspaces where safe social distancing is not possible. The U.S. Marshals Service may exclude from the courthouse anyone who does not wear a mask/face covering or maintain social distancing. Individuals coming to the courthouse must provide their own masks/face coverings, which will not be available at the courthouse.

The court ORDERS that all persons entering the courthouse of the Southern District of Texas, Brownsville Division use the automated temperature scanner located on the first floor. The court further ORDERS that the following persons may not enter the courthouse:

- Persons who, in the last 14 days, have been in any of the countries covered by the Level 3 Travel Health Notice on COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including those listed on the sign at the entrance to the courthouse;
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the countries 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 in the past 30 days; and

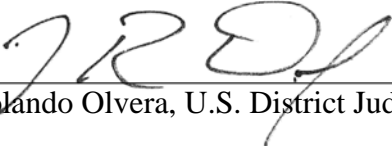
- Persons with a fever of at least 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit (as measured by the automated temperature scanner on the first floor of the courthouse), cough, or shortness of breath.

Anyone meeting any of the Criteria listed above may be denied entry to the courthouse or any part thereof by any Deputy United States Marshal or Court Security Officer.

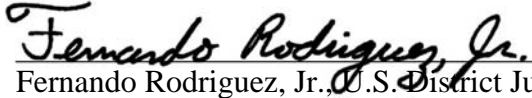
The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas is open for, and is busy carrying out, its work. The court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system is not affected, and parties may continue to file electronically and email documents to the clerk's office following the standing orders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

www.txs.uscourts.gov.

Signed this day of February 25, 2021.



Rolando Olvera, U.S. District Judge



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