

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
GALVESTON DIVISION

July 29 2020

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court

By Deputy Clerk 

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

SPECIAL ORDER G-2020-2

ORDER

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and public-health authorities have asked that precautions be taken to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus. Accordingly, the court orders, effective immediately, that all persons entering the United States Post Office and Courthouse (“the courthouse”) located at 601 25th Street in Galveston 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 by 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; 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.

Any person who has a scheduled hearing or other appointment at the courthouse, or who is otherwise required to appear at the courthouse, and is unable to do so because of the restrictions listed above, should proceed as follows:

- If represented by an attorney, contact the attorney;
- If an attorney who is scheduled to appear in court before a judge, contact Judge Brown's case manager, George Cardenas, at (409) 763-7811;
- If scheduled to meet with Probation or Pretrial Services, contact that office at (409) 766-3733;
- If a juror, contact the Jury Department at (409) 766-3530;
- For appellate matters, contact the Office of the Fifth Circuit Clerk at (504) 310-7700;
- For matters before the District Court or Bankruptcy Court, contact the United States District Clerk at (409) 766-3530;
- For case-specific matters, contact the case manager for that court;
- For the United States Trustee, call (713) 718-4650; and
- For all other matters, contact the United States District Clerk's Executive Office at (713) 250-5400.

These restrictions will remain in place until the court determines it is safe to remove them. Anyone who believes he or she has been exposed to COVID-19 should immediately contact a healthcare provider.

SIGNED on Galveston Island this 29th day of July, 2020.


JEFFREY VINCENT BROWN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE