

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
LAREDO DIVISION

United States District Court  
Southern District of Texas  
ENTERED

MAR 19 2020

IN RE: RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS §  
TO THE LAREDO U. S. §  
COURTHOUSE DURING THE §  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC §

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court  
By Deputy Clerk 

SPECIAL ORDER L-2020-4

**ORDER**

The Centers for Disease Control and public health authorities have asked people to take precautions and reduce exposure to the COVID-19 virus. The Court ORDERS, effective immediately, that the following persons may not enter the U. S. Courthouse of the Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division:

- 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, including the People's Republic of China, South Korea, Japan, Iran, or Western Europe;
- 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 medical professional, hospital, public health or governmental agency;
- persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, and who have not obtained express medical verification as now being non-communicative/noncontagious from a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, hospital, public health or governmental agency; and,
- persons with fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

**Anyone meeting any of the criteria in this Order may be denied entry to the courthouse or any part of the courthouse by a Court Security Officer or Deputy Marshal.**

If you have a scheduled hearing or other appointment, or you are otherwise required to appear at the courthouse, and you are unable to do so because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as follows:

- if you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney;
- if you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, please contact the respective case manager for that court directly by telephone. Telephone contact information for the District Court is available at: <https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/page/district-court>. Telephone contact information for the Bankruptcy Court is available at: <https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/page/bankruptcy-court>;
- if you are scheduled to meet with a Probation or Pretrial Services Officer, contact the Probation and Pretrial Services Office directly for guidance and instructions at 956-726-2255;
- if you are a juror, contact the Jury Department at 956-726-2276;
- for Court of Appeals matters, contact Lyle Cayce, Clerk of Court, at 504-310-7700;
- for any other District Court matters, contact Sara Medellin, the Deputy Clerk in Charge within the Laredo Division, at 956-723-3542;
- 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 Sara Medellin, the Deputy Clerk in Charge within the Laredo Division, at 956-723-3542.


These restrictions will remain in place until it is determined to be safe to remove them.

People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

SIGNED this 19th day of March, 2020.



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Diana Saldaña  
United States District Judge



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Marina Garcia Marmolejo  
United States District Judge