

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

LIMITED ACCESS TO COURTHOUSES)	STANDING ORDER
UNDER EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES)	20-2
CREATED BY COVID-19/CORONAVIRUS)	

This Standing Order is being issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised people to take precautions because the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. One way of avoiding exposure to the virus is to practice social distancing. Therefore, the United States District Court for the District of South Dakota is imposing visitor restrictions and temporary rules for all courthouses in the District during the COVID-19 outbreak.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective immediately:

That the following persons, including but not limited to federal employees and contractors, shall not enter any courthouse in the District of South Dakota:

1. Persons who have traveled to any of the following countries within the last 14 days:
China, South Korea, Italy, or Iran;
2. Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled to one of the countries listed above within the last 14 days;
3. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor or other medical provider, hospital, or health agency if they remain within that time of self-

quarantine;

4. Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 unless and until they have completed a quarantine period;
5. Persons with fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Court Security Officers may question any courthouse visitor to determine whether they fall into any of these categories. Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer.

Anyone with a scheduled appointment or who is otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses in the District of South Dakota, and is unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, should proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- If you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, please contact chambers directly (contact information is on the Court's website);
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial/Probation officer, please contact the Probation office at (605) 977-8900;
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Administrator at (605) 330-6620;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please contact the Bankruptcy Clerk at (605) 357-2400;
- For all other matters, please contact the District Clerk of Court at (605) 330-6600.

These restrictions will remain in place until the Court determines it is safe to remove

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, due to the fluid nature of the outbreak and need for flexibility in responding thereto, the judicial officer before whom any hearing is scheduled shall determine whether and how to conduct hearings during the COVID-19 outbreak.

DATED this 13th day of March 2020.

BY THE COURT:



ROBERTO A. LANGE
CHIEF JUDGE