

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: EFFECT OF CORONAVIRUS)
DISEASE ON ENTRANCE INTO)
COURTHOUSES IN THE WESTERN)
DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA)

G.O. 20-11

CARMELITA REEDER SHINN, CLERK
U.S. DIST. COURT, WESTERN DIST. OKLA.
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ORDER

Since the Court issued G.O. 20-7 on March 16, 2020, the situation in the State of Oklahoma has changed dramatically. As of April 3, 2020, the Oklahoma State Department of Health has identified 988 positive cases of COVID-19 and 38 deaths related to the disease. Under the authority of G.O. 20-7, the Court directed increased screening of members of the public entering the federal courthouses in this District on March 30, 2020. The Court finds it would be beneficial to memorialize those increased screening measures. Therefore, the Court hereby supplements G.O. 20-7 by formally directing the United States Marshals Service to implement enhanced screening of visitors to the federal courthouses in the Western District of Oklahoma.

IT IS ORDERED that, effective immediately, Court Security Officers shall ask visitors to the courthouses to:

(1) state their business in the courthouse (*i.e.*, attending a hearing, delivering a filing, making a payment) and

(2) orally acknowledge whether they

- a. Have traveled within the last 14 days from any country outside the United States or from an area in the United States with substantial community spread of COVID-19 to include the New York Tri-State Area (Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey), Massachusetts, California, Louisiana, Michigan, Florida, or Washington State;

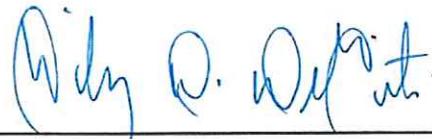
- b. Have been or have had close contact with someone who has been asked to self-quarantine by any health care provider or public official;
- c. Have been or have had close contact with someone who has been, diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- d. Are presently exhibiting the symptoms of an infectious respiratory illness, which include fever, cough, or shortness of breath.

No person without specific judicial business in the courthouses or who answers any of the screening questions in the affirmative shall be permitted into the courthouses without express authorization from the presiding judge or Chief Judge.

In addition, the United States Marshals Service is directed to ensure that no more than 10 people are in a courtroom gallery at any given time and that those who are in the gallery are seated more than six feet apart from each other at all times.

The restrictions contained in this Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

ENTERED FOR THE COURT this 4th day of April, 2020.



TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI
Chief United States District Judge