

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

CLERK'S OFFICE U.S. DIST. COURT
AT ROANOKE, VA
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JULIA C. DUDLEY, CLERK
BY: DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS
TO COURTHOUSES

Standing Order No. 2020-4

The United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia is closely monitoring the pandemic of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 as well as the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). The CDC has advised precautionary measures, emphasized the importance of containing the outbreak, and noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus. To help stem the tide of this pandemic and to protect the court, its employees, and the public, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The following persons shall not enter any U.S. Courthouse or U.S. Probation Office in the Western District of Virginia without prior permission from the Chief Judge:

- Persons who have been in any of the following countries or regions within the last 14 days:

CHINA
SOUTH KOREA
JAPAN
ITALY
IRAN

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the countries or regions 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 within the past 14 days;

2. The United States Marshal, his Deputies, and the Court Security Officers shall deny entry to anyone attempting to enter a U.S. Courthouse or U.S. Probation Office in the Western District of Virginia in violation of this Order;
3. If you are scheduled or required to appear at a U.S. Courthouse or U.S. Probation Office in the Western District of Virginia, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions in this Order, you are directed to 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 that judge's Courtroom Deputy Clerk or chambers directly;
 - If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer, please contact the

Probation Office at:

- (276) 628-3183 for Abingdon
 - (276) 523-0272 for Big Stone Gap
 - (434) 295-6909 for Charlottesville
 - (434) 792-6397 for Danville
 - (540) 434-4145 for Harrisonburg
 - (434) 846-0842 for Lynchburg
 - (540) 857-5180 for Roanoke
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- If you are a juror, please contact the **Jury Department** at:
 - (276) 628-5116 for Abingdon
 - (276) 523-3557 for Big Stone Gap
 - (434) 296-9284 for Charlottesville
 - (434) 793-7147 for Danville
 - (540) 434-3181 for Harrisonburg
 - (434) 847-5722 for Lynchburg
 - (540) 857-5103 for Roanoke

- For District Court matters, please contact the **Clerk's Office** at:
 - (276) 628-5116 for Abingdon
 - (434) 296-9284 for Charlottesville
 - (434) 793-7147 for Danville
 - (540) 434-3181 for Harrisonburg
 - (434) 847-5722 for Lynchburg
 - (540) 857-5100 for Roanoke

4. If you fall within any of these restricted categories and need to file any documents in federal court physically, you are directed to contact the Clerk's Office in the appropriate division to make special filing arrangements.
5. These temporary restrictions will remain in place until it is determined to be safe to remove them.
6. This Order shall be updated as further guidance is received.

For the Court:

Enter this 13th day of March 2020.

/s/ Michael F. Urbanski
Chief United States District Judge