

PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The Centers for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Therefore, effective immediately, any persons listed below shall not enter any courtroom or other court areas in the Estes Kefauver Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse:

- Persons who have travelled to any of the following countries within the last 14 days:

CHINA
SOUTH KOREA
JAPAN
ITALY
IRAN

(This list may be updated as further guidance is received.)

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has travelled to one of the countries 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;
- Persons with fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer.

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses in the Middle District of Tennessee, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you 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 that judge's chambers directly;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Pretrial Services or Probation Officer, please contact that office at (615) 736-5771;
- If you are scheduled for a naturalization ceremony, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will contact you to reschedule your ceremony;
- If you are a juror, please contact Jury Administration at (615) 736-5483;
- For any other matter not listed here, please contact the office of the Clerk of Court at (615) 736-5498.

These restrictions will remain in place temporarily 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.