

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re: : Superseding General Orders M-540,
: M-542, M-561, M-565, M-569,
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 PANDEMIC : M-570, M-571, M-573, M-574,
RESTRICTIONS ON ENTRY INTO : M-576, M-583, and M-587
COURTHOUSES :
-----X General Order M-599

In the interest of public health and safety, and after consideration of public health guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, New York State, New York City, Westchester County, and other public health authorities, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York orders that, effective immediately and until this Order is rescinded or superseded,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who has tested positive for COVID-19 or been told by a healthcare provider to assume they have COVID-19 due to symptoms or other factors in the past 10 days, must abide by the Court’s protocols set forth in the memorandum titled COVID-19 Protocols Following Positive Diagnosis, Symptoms or Exposure to COVID-19, which can be found on the District Court’s website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who has experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 5 days, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, extreme fatigue, nausea or vomiting, congestion or runny nose, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, and diarrhea, must abide by the Court’s protocols set forth in the memorandum titled COVID-19 Protocols Following Positive Diagnosis, Symptoms or Exposure to COVID-19, which can be found on the District Court’s website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who has been in close contact with anyone with COVID-19 in the past 10 days must abide by the Court’s protocols set forth in the memorandum titled COVID-19 Protocols Following Positive Diagnosis, Symptoms or Exposure to COVID-19, which can be found on the District Court’s website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person who has been in close contact with anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 10 days must abide by the Court’s protocols set forth in the memorandum titled COVID-19 Protocols Following Positive Diagnosis, Symptoms or Exposure to COVID-19, which can be found on the District Court’s website at <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/covid-19-coronavirus>.

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

Anyone who has business in one of the courthouses but who cannot enter because of this Order should do the following:

- Persons who are represented by an attorney should contact their attorney;
- Attorneys or pro se litigants who are scheduled to appear in court before a Judge should contact that Judge's chambers directly;¹
- Employees reporting to work at the courthouse should contact their supervisor; and
- Persons having any other business with the Court should contact the Clerk's office at (212) 284-4040.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that while in the courthouse, all persons must comply with the following rules:

- **Face Coverings:** Individuals are generally not required to wear masks unless instructed to do so by a judicial officer in a courtroom or its adjacent areas.
- **Social Distancing:** Individuals are generally not required to maintain any specific distance from others unless instructed to do so by a judicial officer in a courtroom or its adjacent areas.
- **Judge's Discretion for In-Person Court Proceedings:** The judge retains discretion to impose greater restrictions on a case-by-case basis in any in-person court proceeding. Any participant who cannot participate in person at the proceeding as a result of the imposition of such restriction may participate via remote means.

Anyone who fails or refuses to abide by these rules will be required to leave the courthouse immediately.

This Order supersedes and replaces prior General Orders M-540, M-542, M-561, M-565, M-569, M-570, M-571, M-573, M-574, M-576, M-583, and M-587 and will remain in place until further notice.

Dated: September 20, 2022
New York, NY

/s/ Martin Glenn
MARTIN GLENN
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

¹ It should be noted that, pursuant to [General Order M-543](#), the majority of hearings during the pandemic are being conducted remotely.