

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

**AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #141 ON ENTRY PROTOCOLS
IN MIDDLE DISTRICT BANKRUPTCY COURT FACILITIES
AS OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

The Court issued Administrative Order #138 on Reopening Protocols on July 2, 2020. However, the pandemic situation continues to change throughout the United States. The intent of this amended Administrative Order is to update our Entry Protocols in all Middle District of Georgia Bankruptcy Court Facilities, as well as to ensure alignment with the newly issued Middle District of Georgia Standing Order 2022-02 (issued February 4, 2022) on COVID-19 Entrance Requirements.

IT IS ORDERED that Amended Administrative Order #138 remain in effect as to all requirements except those related to facility entrance and face covering (mask) requirements; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that in order to protect public health, including the health of Court staff, parties, Court participants, and all other building occupants, the following persons shall not enter any U. S. Bankruptcy Court Facility in the Middle District of Georgia without prior permission from the Chief Bankruptcy Judge or his designee:

- a. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last five days; or
- b. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last fourteen days and symptoms have not resolved; or
- c. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any healthcare provider or state or local health authority within the time period of entering the Court Facility; or
- d. Fully vaccinated persons who have been exposed to COVID-19 within the last five days and are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19; or

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e. Unvaccinated persons who have been exposed to COVID-19 within the previous five days; or

f. Persons currently experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 identified by the CDC, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, new loss of taste or smell, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, effective February 7, 2022, the following procedures govern the use of masks or other face coverings:

a. Pursuant to CDC guidance, masks or other face coverings that cover the mouth and nose must be worn by unvaccinated persons in all areas of Court-occupied space in the Middle District of Georgia. Fully vaccinated persons must wear masks unless otherwise ordered by the Court. Masks will be provided to entrants if necessary.

b. Presiding judges shall establish the requirement for wearing masks for Court proceedings in their Courtrooms.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that anyone denied entry due to these precautions, or anyone with a documented health condition that prevents the wearing of a mask or other face covering will be provided with contact information to contact the relevant Court or Courtroom Deputy with whom they have business.

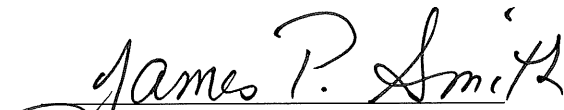
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshal, his Deputies, and Court Security Officers shall deny entry to anyone attempting to enter in violation of this Order and shall have the authority to remove anyone from a U. S. Bankruptcy Court Facility in the Middle District of Georgia for failure to abide by this Order while in our facilities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all persons attending in-person Court proceedings will comply with the Clerk's Office document "Amended Facility Entry Protocols During COVID-19

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Pandemic as of February 7, 2022,” and any amendments thereto, which can be found on the Court’s website by clicking on the link to “Important Information Regarding Court Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak.” The protocols established by the Clerk’s Office are incorporated by reference to this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 7 day of February, 2022.


JAMES P. SMITH
Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court