

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
Helena Division**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Visitor Restrictions**

The United States District Court for the District of Montana announces visitor restrictions to all courthouses and probation offices in the District as a result of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has advised people to take precautions in light of the coronavirus outbreak and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Therefore, effective immediately, the following persons shall not enter any courthouse or probation office in the District of Montana:

- Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have not been cleared by a doctor or health agency;
- Persons who are currently under a self-quarantine order by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
- Persons who have experienced symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea in the last 14 days; or
- Persons who have had close contact within the last 14 days with anyone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus.

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

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**IF YOU ARE PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING:**

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the courthouses or probation offices in the District of Montana, 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 the Clerk's Office at 406-441-1355 directly;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation or Pretrial Services officer, please contact the office of Probation and Pretrial Services at 406-441-1160;
- If you are a juror, please contact the Jury Department at 1-800-296-6577;
- For Court of Appeals matters, please contact the Clerk's Office for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, at (415)355-8000;
- For Bankruptcy Court matters, please contact the Clerk's Office of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court at (406) 497-1240;
- For other District Court matters, please contact the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court at 406-441-1355.

These restrictions will remain in place until it is determined to be safe to remove them. If you believe you may have been exposed to the coronavirus you should contact your healthcare provider immediately.

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Tyler P. Gilman  
District Executive