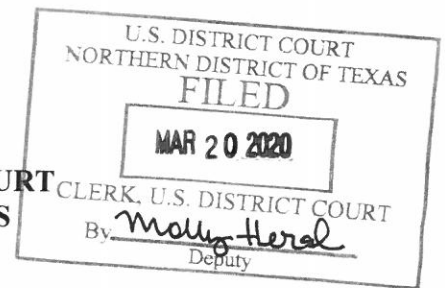


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS



SPECIAL ORDER NO. 13-8

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER RE: ACCESS RESTRICTIONS UNDER
THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations to slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) include precautions to limit exposure to the virus. In accordance with those recommendations, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas has issued targeted visitor restrictions that are effective immediately through May 1, 2020.

Access into court space in any division of the Court temporarily may not be accessed by persons who:

- (1) are experiencing any flu-like symptoms, shortness of breath, have a fever, or are coughing or sneezing;
- (2) have traveled within the last 14 days to any of the countries for which the CDC has issued a Level 3 Travel Health Notice, which currently includes China, South Korea, Iran, Europe, and Malaysia, or have had close contact with someone who has traveled to one of these countries within the last 14 days; or
- (3) have been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital or health agency or have been diagnosed with or had close contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.

Additionally, to ensure proper distancing, and for the protection of all court participants, the U.S. Marshals Service may restrict the number of visitors in a courtroom proceeding. Any visitor who cannot access a courtroom because of this restriction will be given the opportunity to hear the proceeding from another room in the courthouse.

The Court will accommodate anyone who requires service from the Court and falls into one of the restricted categories or who wishes to listen to a court proceeding. Please call 214-753-2240 for assistance.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020.



BARBARA M.G. LYNN
CHIEF JUDGE