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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

May 18, 2020
KAREN MITCHELL
CLERK, U.S. DISTRICT COURT

SPECIAL ORDER 13-14

**RE: REQUIREMENTS FOR COURTHOUSE ENTRY
DURING NATIONAL PANDEMIC EMERGENCY**

Owing to the public health emergency declared by the president of the United States in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning May 18, 2020, each person over two years of age who enters the Eldon B. Mahon United States Courthouse must have nose and mouth covered with a close-fitting fabric or cloth mask while in the building, including especially while in the courtrooms, main lobby, district and bankruptcy clerk's office lobbies, elevators, and stairs. The precaution is being required to reduce airborne spread of the disease. No more than two people may occupy a courthouse elevator at any one time.

Additionally, before being permitted entry into the courthouse, all persons must submit to and pass COVID-19 screening, which will consist of the following:

1. Measuring body temperature with a no-contact thermometer; and
2. Answering the following questions:
 - a. Are you experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, such as cough, feeling feverish, having chills, lessened sense of smell or taste, or having difficulty breathing?
 - b. Within the last 14 days, have you been within 6 feet of a person you know to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19?
 - c. Within the last 14 days, have you received instructions from a public health authority to self-observe, self-isolate, or self-quarantine?

These requirements are intended to protect everyone in the courthouse, including persons held in federal custody. The screening will be performed by contract medical personnel, and no personal information will be collected.

Participation is voluntary. However, anyone who refuses to wear a face-covering while in the courthouse, who refuses to participate in the above-described screening, or who participates in the screening but is discovered to have or admits to having symptoms of COVID-19, will not be permitted to enter the courthouse. Such persons may, however, contact the court for special accommodations by calling 817-850-6601, or by sending an email message through the "Email Us" tab in the upper left-hand corner of court's website at www.txnd.uscourts.gov.

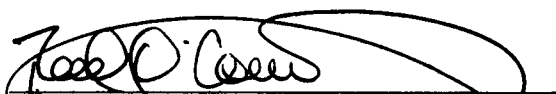
A person scheduled to participate in a court proceeding as an attorney, litigant, or juror who is not permitted to enter the building under this order should immediately contact the presiding

judge's chambers as follows:

District Judge O'Connor:	817-850-6788
District Judge Pittman:	817-850-6656
Senior District Judge McBryde:	817-850-6650
Senior District Judge Means:	817-850-6670
Bankruptcy Judge Mullin:	817-333-6016
Bankruptcy Judge Morris:	817-333-6036
Magistrate Judge Cureton:	817-850-6690

The provisions of this order will remain in place until further order of the Court.

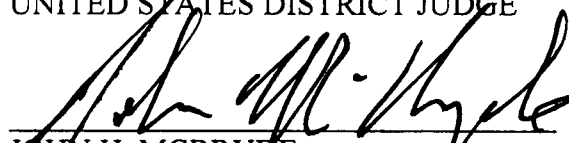
SIGNED AND ENTERED this 18th day of May, 2020.



REED O'CONNOR
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



MARK T. PITTMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



JOHN H. MCBRYDE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



TERRY R. MEANS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE