

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN RE: RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS)
TO THE COURT AND TEMPORARY) CIV. MISC. NO. 2:20-mc-3910-ECM
SUSPENSION OF PAPER FILING)
REQUIREMENTS)

This General Order is being issued in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) within the Middle District of Alabama. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention having warned the public to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and having advised that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, it is

ORDERED that:

1. Access to the Montgomery, Dothan and Opelika Courthouses is RESTRICTED to judges, court staff, members of the media, and visitors with official business with the Court.
2. Attorneys delivering required filings, pleadings, and briefs must use the drop box located outside of the Frank M. Johnson Jr. Federal Courthouse and Annex, One Church Street, Montgomery, Alabama. Pro se litigants must use the drop box located just inside the Courthouse’s front door between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on business days.
3. Individuals who have been diagnosed with or who have had known contact with a person with the COVID-19 virus or who have been asked to self-quarantine or who

are experiencing flu-like symptoms may not enter any federal courthouse in the Middle District to conduct business. Such individuals shall not submit paper copies of any filings, pleadings, or briefs and should contact the Clerk’s Office for further instructions.

4. Payments by check or money order will be accepted by mail or the Courthouse drop box. No cash payments will be accepted by the Clerk of the Court during this period of exigent circumstances.

ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE MONTGOMERY, DOTHAN OR OPELIKA COURTHOUSES IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER WILL BE DENIED ENTRY BY A COURT SECURITY OFFICER.

This Court will continue to assess the ongoing need for the entry restrictions and update such restrictions as warranted. The Court takes this temporary action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and out of concern for the health and safety of the courthouse community.

Questions about this Order or any other matter, may be directed to the Clerk’s Office at 334-954-3600.

DONE this the 18th day of March, 2020.

/s/ Emily C. Marks
EMILY C. MARKS
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE