

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MONTANA
Billings 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 traveled out of the country within the last fourteen days;
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled out of the country within the last fourteen days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with the coronavirus;
- Persons with apparent symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath.

**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 406-247-7000 directly;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation or Pretrial Services officer, please contact the office of Probation and Pretrial Services at 406-657-6287;
- 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 406-247-7000;

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