

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GENERAL ORDER No. 73

Continuing Temporary Restrictions on Courthouse Access  
due to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

(Amended May 21, 2020)

In order to protect the health of parties, attorneys, court staff, and other potential courthouse visitors, the court will continue to temporarily restrict courthouse access at all four locations due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency. Effective immediately and until further notice, only persons having official court business authorized by General Order No. 72-3 (or any amendment thereto or superseding order), or by a presiding judge of this court, may enter any Northern District of California courthouse property. "Official court business" shall include attorneys, parties, witnesses, or other persons who are required or permitted to attend a specific in-person court proceeding. Members of the press and public may observe proceedings by telephone or videoconference.

Hard copy documents may be submitted by U.S. Mail to the San Francisco, Oakland, or San Jose courthouses. There will also be a drop box available for manual filing in the first floor lobby of the San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose courthouses. No drop box is available at the Eureka-McKinleyville Courthouse. Before filing by mail or by drop box, alternatives such as Electronic Case Filing (ECF) should be discussed with court staff. U.S. Mail and drop box filings will be picked up only intermittently. Emergency filings should not be submitted to the drop boxes and should be coordinated with court staff.

Questions may be directed to the following phone numbers:

- San Francisco Courthouse: (415) 522-2000
- Oakland Courthouse: (510) 637-3530
- San Jose Courthouse: (408) 535-5363
- Eureka-McKinleyville Courthouse: (707) 445-3612

Questions may also be emailed to [ECFHELPDESK@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:ECFHELPDESK@cand.uscourts.gov), or for media inquiries, to [media@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:media@cand.uscourts.gov).

ADOPTED: March 16, 2020  
AMENDED: March 23, 2020  
March 25, 2020  
April 2, 2020  
April 30, 2020  
May 21, 2020

FOR THE COURT:



Phyllis J. Hamilton  
Chief Judge