

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING VACCINATION REQUIREMENT

April 6, 2022

Pursuant to Standing Orders 2021-08 and 2022-01, effective March 16, 2022, all visitors to the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey must: (1) be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and provide proof of vaccination and identification, prior to being granted entry; or (2) provide proof of a negative result from either a PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before seeking entry to the Courthouse, or a rapid test taken no more than 24 hours before seeking entry to the Courthouse, as well as proof of identification. Under Standing Orders 2021-08 and 2022-01 (linked below):

1. “Visitor” includes all attorneys, parties to civil and criminal cases and their representatives, law-enforcement officers, members of the press, observers, and contractors.
2. A person will be considered fully vaccinated only: (i) two weeks after receiving the second dose of a two-dose series (*e.g.*, Pfizer, Moderna); or (ii) two weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine (*e.g.*, Johnson & Johnson).
3. Acceptable proof of vaccination shall consist of that individual's vaccination card or a recognized application, such as the Docket mobile phone application, and proof of identification.
4. Any individual who does not present proof of full vaccination must provide proof of a negative result from either a PCR test taken no more than 72 hours before seeking entry to the Courthouse or a rapid test taken no more than 24 hours before seeking entry to the Courthouse, and proof of identification.
5. Any individual seeking to establish compliance with the Court’s standing orders by presenting a negative result of a rapid COVID-19 test must attest to the negative test result under penalty of perjury on a form to be provided by Court Security Officers, available at all public Courthouse entrances.
6. Video conferencing remains appropriate for initial appearances, arraignments, detention hearings, and preliminary hearings upon the defendant's consent.
7. All individuals, including those who are denied entry into Court facilities, may deposit and date-stamp papers in drop boxes located at each Courthouse entrance, Monday through Friday, during the hours posted on the Court’s website.
8. Individuals excepted from the proof-of-vaccination and testing requirements of Standing Orders 2021-08 and 2022-01 are limited to the following: (a) Petit and grand jurors; (b) individuals younger than 12 years of age; and (c) individuals who will be on-site in Court facilities for less than 15 minutes. Excepted individuals must wear a mask as directed by Court personnel and observe all posted safety markings and protocols for sanitizing and social distancing.

[Standing Order 2022-01](#)

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Clerk of Court