

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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STANDING ORDER

THIS MATTER CONCERNS: Entry Into the U.S. District Courthouse

In order to protect public health, and in recognition of the national emergency that was declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Waco Division, hereby issues the following order:

The United States Courthouse, 800 Franklin Avenue, Waco, Texas, will remain open for business, but access to the building will be restricted. Court Security will only permit access to the following persons:

- Persons who have been ordered to appear by any judge of the Western District of Texas, Waco Division;
- Persons who have been directed to appear by the U.S. Probation Office or by the U.S. Pretrial Services Office;
- Persons who have court business with the Office of the District Clerk (to file pleadings, make payments, etc.). Such persons will be allowed access only for this limited purpose;
- Persons who have court business with the Office of the Bankruptcy Clerk (to file pleadings, make payments, etc.). Such persons will be allowed access only for this limited purpose;
- Persons attending Section 341 First Meeting of Creditors conducted by the United States Trustee's Office;
- Government employees who work in the courthouse and are authorized to appear by their employer;
- Contractors who are authorized to appear;

- United States Postal Service mail carriers, private mail carriers and private delivery services;
- Law enforcement personnel;
- Credentialed courthouse press;
- Victims who are attending scheduled proceedings;
- Immediate family members of a defendant who is appearing for sentencing in a criminal proceeding, but limited to no more than 15 family members per defendant; and
- Persons designated by the Chief Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, or the Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas.

For all criminal proceedings other than sentencings, no immediate family members of a defendant will be allowed access to the courthouse or courtroom.

Persons otherwise authorized to enter must pass the screening protocol that can be found in the "Order Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic" and the "Additional Order Regarding Grand Jury Proceedings Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic" entered on March 13, 2020 and March 16, 2020, respectively, by the Honorable Chief Judge Orlando L. Garcia, Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas. Orders may be found at <https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov> No one will be permitted to enter in violation of that protocol.

This Standing Order shall be effective immediately and until May 1, 2020, unless extended by supplemental order.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of March, 2020.



ALAN D ALBRIGHT
United States District Judge