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

IN RE:	§
CORONA VIRUS / COVID-19 PANDEMIC	§
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NINTH STANDING ORDER RELATING TO ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE WACO, TEXAS

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 modifying and extending the court's February 25, 2021 Order regarding Entry into the U.S. District Courthouse:

IT IS ORDERED that 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that 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 "Fourteenth Supplemental Order Regarding Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by the COVID-19 Pandemic" filed March 17, 2021 by Orlando L. Garcia, Chief Judge of the Western District of Texas. The order may be found at https://www.txwd.uscourts.gov. No one will be permitted to enter in violation of that protocol.
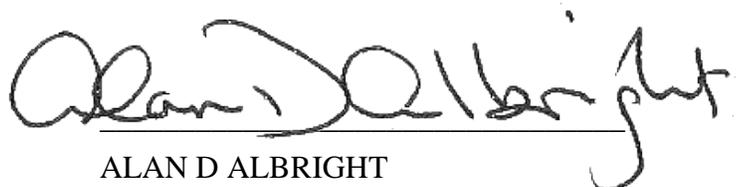
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no one will be permitted to enter the courthouse without wearing a mask found to be adequate by Court Security.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any person seeking entry into the courthouse shall have their temperature checked using a contactless thermometer kiosk. A person with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will not be permitted to enter the courthouse.

The Court has deemed that it can safely conduct jury trials in this division because of the diligent safety protocols which have been implemented to include but not limited to increased spatial distancing, frequent sanitization of court spaces, and requirements for court participants to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) during court proceedings.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that this Order shall be effective immediately and through April 30, 2021, unless modified or extended by further order of the court.

SIGNED this 22nd day of March, 2021.

ALAN D ALBRIGHT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE