

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

IN RE: RESTRICTIONS ON VISITORS                    )  
TO THE COURT    ) CIV. MISC. NO. 2:20-mc-3910-ECM

**GENERAL ORDER**

This General Order is being issued regarding the COVID-19 pandemic within the Middle District of Alabama. It is

ORDERED that:

1. Access to the Montgomery, Dothan and Opelika Courthouses continues to be RESTRICTED to judges, court staff, members of the media, and visitors with official business with the Court.

2. Conventionally filed documents, pleadings, briefs, and payment by checks, money orders, or cash will be accepted by the Clerk of Court during the normal business hours of the Court. The drop box located outside of the Frank M. Johnson Jr. Federal Courthouse and Annex, One Church Street, Montgomery, Alabama, should no longer be used for filings, pleadings, or briefs during normal business hours of the Court. The drop box should only be used for court submissions after normal business hours, and on weekends and holidays.

3. Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or who have been asked to self-quarantine or who are experiencing flu-like symptoms may not enter any federal courthouse in the Middle District to conduct business. Such individuals shall not

submit paper copies of any filings, pleadings, or briefs and should contact the Clerk's Office for further instructions.

**ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE MONTGOMERY, DOTHAN, OR OPELIKA COURTHOUSES IN VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER WILL BE DENIED ENTRY BY A COURT SECURITY OFFICER.**

This Court will continue to assess the ongoing need for the entry restrictions and update such restrictions as warranted. The Court takes this temporary action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and out of concern for the health and safety of the courthouse community.

Questions about this Order or any other matter, may be directed to the Clerk's Office at 334-954-3600.

To the extent inconsistent with this Order, any order in this district is hereby **SUPERSEDED.**

DONE this the 16th day of April, 2021.

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/s/ Emily C. Marks  
EMILY C. MARKS  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE