



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE CLERK**

September 3, 2021

Effective September 8, 2021, all persons entering U.S. Courthouses in this District, except for criminal defendants, sitting or prospective Grand or Petit Jurors, and lay persons who have been subpoenaed or directed to appear and testify in criminal proceedings or before a Grand Jury, must have been fully vaccinated¹ against the COVID-19 virus before they are permitted to enter. On an interim basis, persons seeking to enter who are not fully vaccinated will be allowed to enter upon production of a negative COVID-19 PCR or antigen test administered no more than 72 hours prior.

Court Security Officers at the entrance to each Courthouse will be enforcing this policy. Courthouse visitors may verify vaccination status to a Court Security Officer in one of three ways:

- Display a physical vaccination card from the CDC or appropriate medical provider documenting administration of a COVID-19 vaccine; or
- Display a photograph or image of a vaccination card from the CDC or appropriate medical provider documenting administration of a COVID-19 vaccine; or
- Display a completed and signed [Certification of Vaccination Form](#) indicating that the visitor is fully vaccinated.

[Certification of Vaccination Forms](#) will be available at the entrance to each Courthouse. However, counsel with scheduled proceedings are expected to ensure that all associates (e.g., clients, employees, investigators, interested observers, etc.) are prepared with the appropriate documentation **before** coming to the Courthouse.

Visitors who are not fully vaccinated must provide proof of a negative PCR or antigen COVID-19 test administered within the preceding 72 hours. Persons may demonstrate proof of a negative test by displaying a physical paper or certificate indicating that the person tested negative or by displaying a photograph, image, webpage, or smartphone application indicating the same.

Persons not fully vaccinated who cannot demonstrate proof of a negative test should not come to the Courthouse, and those that do so will not be admitted.

¹ Persons are considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 fourteen days after receiving the second dose of a two-dose vaccine, or fourteen days after receiving a single dose of a one-dose vaccine.

All persons, whether or not vaccinated, must be fully masked while in the Courthouses. In the discretion of the presiding judge, fully vaccinated persons may be permitted to remove their masks when speaking. Unvaccinated persons must remain masked at all times and maintain six feet of physical distance from other persons.

/s/ CATHERINE M. STAVLAS
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Clerk of Court