



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL PERSONS
FROM: SDNY DISTRICT EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE
SUBJECT: ENTRY INTO SDNY COURTHOUSES
DATE: 2/5/21

SDNY Protocol for Travelers

Individuals may not enter a Southern District of New York Courthouse if they have been in: (i) a state other than New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Vermont; (ii) a U.S. Territory; or (iii) a CDC-Level 2 or higher country other than the U.S. in the previous 14 days, unless they meet the following criteria:

1. Took a COVID PCR diagnostic test* on day 5 after arrival in New York (or contiguous state of residence); and
2. Received a negative result.

*At-home or mail-in tests are not acceptable. See the list of acceptable tests on the next page.

Proof of negative test results must be submitted in either paper or electronic form at the entrance to the courthouse.

Tests that are accepted:

Accepted Molecular test types:

- PCR / RT-PCR / ddPCR / Rapid PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction)
- NAA / NAAT (Nucleic Acid Amplification)
- AMP PRB (Amplified Probe)
- LAMP (Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification)
- TMA (Transcription-mediated Amplification)

Accepted Molecular test brands, such as, but not limited to:

- Abbott ID NOW
- Quidel Lyra PCR
- Abbott Realtime PCR
- Cobas Qualitative PCR
- FTD PCR
- Xpert Xpress
- Simplexa Direct PCR

Tests that are not accepted:

- Any at-home or mail-in kits (sample collection must be overseen by licensed medical staff)
- Any test that does not rely on a nasal swab, such as:
 - Sputum, saliva and spit collection (spit in a cup, etc.)
 - Gargle, oral rinse, etc.
 - Oral swab without a nasal swab
- All Antigen (Ag) tests (including Quidel Sophia, Abbott BinaxNOW and Rapid Antigen Tests)
- All Antibody tests (such as IgG, IgA, IgM and Rapid Antibody Tests)
- All blood tests (such as fingerstick, venipuncture)
- All plasma tests
- All serum tests
- All lateral flow tests
- Any doctor's note