



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 FOLLOWING TRAVEL
DATE: 4/9/21

The following rules apply to anyone seeking to enter one of the courthouses of the SDNY within 10 days of their arrival to New York following travel. All other criteria for entry set forth in the Fifth Amended Standing Order on Entry, M10-468, and the SDNY COVID-19 entry questionnaire still apply.

Domestic Travel:

- **Domestic travelers to New York who achieved full vaccination* at least 14 days prior to the date they seek entry to the courthouse** can enter the courthouse without having to quarantine or provide proof of a negative COVID test.
- The following individuals can also enter the courthouse without quarantine or testing, regardless of vaccination status:
 - **Domestic travelers to New York from contiguous states (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont);** and
 - **Domestic travelers to any state who were out of New York for less than 24 hours.**
- **All other domestic travelers** may only enter the courthouse if they test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test** administered within two days prior to entry to the courthouse.

International Travel:

- **International travelers who achieved full vaccination* at least 14 days prior to the date they seek entry to the courthouse** may only enter the courthouse if they (1) test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test** administered no more than 3 days before travel, and (2) test negative on a second COVID PCR diagnostic test** administered no sooner than 4 days after their arrival to New York.
- **International travelers who have not achieved full vaccination* at least 14 days prior to the date they seek entry to the courthouse** may only enter the courthouse if they: (1) test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test** administered no more than 3 days before travel, (2) quarantine for 7 days upon arrival to New York, and (3) test negative on a second COVID PCR diagnostic test** administered no sooner than 4

days after their arrival to New York State.

*According to the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥ 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).

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