



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

*Office of the District Court Executive*

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
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*District Court Executive*

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Persons  
FROM: The SDNY COVID Response Team  
DATE: December 22, 2021  
SUBJECT: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS OR  
EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

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Effective today, the following COVID-19 Protocols apply:

If you have had symptoms of COVID-19 in the past 10 days that are not explained by allergies or another underlying condition, including fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, extreme fatigue, nausea or vomiting, congestion or runny nose, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, and diarrhea:

- If you are **unvaccinated**, you are not permitted to enter the courthouse.
- If you are **fully vaccinated**, you may enter the courthouse provided your symptoms have resolved and you received a negative result on a molecular diagnostic test (e.g., PCR).

If you have been in **close contact**\* with someone with COVID-19 in the past 14 days:

- If you are **unvaccinated**, you are not permitted to enter the courthouse.
- If you are **fully vaccinated and have ongoing exposure to the infected person** (e.g., they reside with you), you must wait until the infected person's 10-day isolation period has ended before you may enter the courthouse. You must take a molecular diagnostic test (e.g., PCR) no sooner than

5 days after the infected person's isolation period has ended. You may enter the courthouse prior to taking your test, and while your test results are pending.

- If you are **fully vaccinated and do not have ongoing exposure to the infected person**, you may enter the courthouse, but you must take a molecular diagnostic test (e.g., PCR) no sooner than 5 days following your exposure. You may enter the courthouse prior to taking your test, and while your test results are pending.

If you have been in **close contact**\* in the past 14 days with someone who has exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 that are not explained by allergies or an underlying condition, but has not been diagnosed with COVID-19:

- If you are **unvaccinated**, you are not permitted to enter the courthouse.
- If you are **fully vaccinated**, you are permitted to enter the courthouse.

If you live with someone who is currently under quarantine due to close contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19:

- If you are **unvaccinated**, you are not permitted to enter the courthouse.
- If you are **fully vaccinated**, you are permitted to enter the courthouse.

\*Close contact is defined as being less than 6 feet away from the infected person for a cumulative total of 10 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (e.g., two individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 10 minutes).

**Any questions regarding the Court's COVID-19 Protocols should be directed to the COVID-19 Response Team at [Covid\\_Response@nysd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Covid_Response@nysd.uscourts.gov).**