

**Supplemental COVID -19 POLICY
For Entering Courtroom 5 and Judge Rodgers's Chambers**

In addition to the general courthouse policy, all persons, including court staff, on-site contractors, and visitors, entering **Courtroom 5** or the **Chambers of Judge Rodgers** are required to be:

- Fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and must verify vaccine status to Court Security, either by signing the attached statement, attesting to the truthfulness of the response provided, or by presenting a vaccination card.
 - Individuals are considered “fully vaccinated” for COVID-19 two weeks after they have received their second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine.
 - All vaccinated individuals are permitted to remove their masks **within the courtroom**, but must wear a mask in common areas of the courthouse, according to the general courthouse policy.
 - Signed verification statements will be retained by the signing individual and not retained or maintained by Court Security. Once signed, the same form may be shown for entry on subsequent visits.
- Individuals choosing not to provide a statement attesting to vaccination status will be treated as unvaccinated persons and may enter Courtroom 5 or Chambers only after providing a negative COVID-19 test dated within the previous 3 days.

EXCEPTIONS: The following individuals are exempt from this policy and will not be required to verify vaccination status or provide a recent COVID-19 test:

- jurors,
- witnesses, and
- criminal defendants

These excepted persons may enter Courtroom 5 without verifying their vaccination status or showing a recent COVID-19 test but are required to wear a mask at **all times within the courtroom**, unless otherwise instructed by Judge Rodgers.

These restrictions remain subject to review and will be updated as warranted. This is a temporary policy in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and out of concern for the health and safety of the federal judiciary and staff, members of the Bar, and the public.