



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: 11/12/20

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**SDNY Protocol for Domestic Travelers**

Individuals may not enter a Southern District of New York Courthouse if they have been in a state other than New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Vermont in the previous 14 days for more than 24 hours, unless they meet the following criteria:

1. Took a COVID PCR diagnostic test\* within three days prior to departure from the state of embarkation;
2. Took another COVID PCR diagnostic test\* on day 5 after arrival in New York; and
3. Received negative results from both tests.

Individuals may not enter a Southern District of New York Courthouse if they have been in a state other than New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Vermont in the previous 14 days for less than 24 hours, unless they meet the following criteria:

1. Took a COVID PCR diagnostic test\* 5 days after arrival in New York; 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