

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

IN THE MATTER OF:

General Order No. 2020-06

CLOSING OF COURT FACILITIES
UNDER THE EXIGENT
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY
COVID-19 AND RELATED CORONAVIRUS

GENERAL ORDER

To the extent this Order differs from previous orders of the Court on this subject, this Order supersedes and replaces those orders.

On March 17, 2020, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana issued a General Order concerning Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19 and Related Coronavirus. In that Order, the Court noted that the gatherings of people which result from court operations present substantial health risks to the public, and therefore reduced certain Court operations as deemed appropriate at that time. The COVID-19 situation has continued to intensify, and risks to the public, Court personnel, and the orderly administration of justice are increasing.

In light of the rapidly evolving situation presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing risks to the public, Court personnel, and the orderly administration of justice, the Court finds that closure of certain Court locations is warranted. Accordingly, it is now **ORDERED** that the following divisional locations of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana, including the United States Bankruptcy Court and the United States Probation Office for the Northern District of Indiana, are **CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC effective at 2:00 p.m. ET / 1:00 p.m. CT on March 18, 2020:**

- Fort Wayne Division, 1300 S. Harrison Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802;
- Hammond Division, 5400 Federal Plaza, Hammond, IN 46320;
- Lafayette Division, 230 N. Fourth Street, Lafayette, IN 47901-1322;
- South Bend Division, 102 Federal Building, 204 S. Main Street, South Bend, IN 46601 and 401 S. Michigan Street, South Bend, IN 46601.

Law enforcement officers will have access to the courthouses when and where necessary as directed by the Court or by a federal law enforcement agency.

The Court will continue to conduct all necessary hearings and other proceedings as it deems proper, by video and telephone conferences, as ordered by the presiding judge in each case.

For those persons without access to the Court’s electronic filing system, all filings for the District Court and Bankruptcy Court matters must be submitted via United States Mail to the relevant divisional mailing address.

Dated this 18th day of March 2020.

s/ Theresa L. Springmann
Theresa L. Springmann, Chief Judge

s/ William C. Lee
William C. Lee, Judge

s/ James T. Moody
James T. Moody, Judge

s/ Robert L. Miller, Jr.
Robert L. Miller, Jr., Judge

s/ Philip P. Simon
Philip P. Simon, Judge

s/ Joseph S. Van Bokkelen
Joseph S. Van Bokkelen, Judge

s/ Jon E. DeGuilio
Jon E. DeGuilio, Judge

s/ Holly A. Brady
Holly A. Brady, Judge

s/ Damon R. Leichty
Damon R. Leichty, Judge