

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF COVID-19 TEMPERATURE TAKING DEVICES	ORDER Public Administrative Order No. 20-AO- <u>21</u> -P
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The court has purchased temperature taking devices for the courthouses in Davenport, Des Moines and Council Bluffs and the Annex in Des Moines. Because an elevated temperature is one indication of COVID-19 virus infection, it is appropriate to monitor the temperature of those entering court facilities. Many people are compelled to come to the courthouse and an elevated body temperature is in no way conclusive evidence that such persons can or should be excluded from hearings or trials. The decision in this regard must be left, to the extent possible, to the presiding judge for the hearing or trial.

Proximity temperature scanners have been placed at the employee and public entrances at each Courthouse and the Annex. All individuals must check their temperature upon entry to one of these buildings. This requirement only applies to the first time a person enters the building each day. Individuals shall keep their mask on during the temperature screening process. If an individual comes into contact with the proximity temperature scanner, the affected area of the proximity temperature scanner should be cleaned with a disinfectant wipe.

For individuals entering through an employee entrance:

1. An employee who registers a temperature of 101°F or higher must immediately leave the building for the remainder of the day and contact their supervisor for further instructions.
2. The employee may not re-enter the building until a temperature scan on a subsequent day registers below 101°F.




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For individuals entering through a public entrance:

1. If a trial or hearing spectator registers a temperature of 101°F or higher, the Court Security Officers shall direct the spectator to immediately leave the building for the remainder of the day and the spectator will not be allowed to re-enter the building until a temperature scan on a subsequent day registers below 101°F.
2. If a trial or hearing participant (juror, lawyer, witness, victim, etc.) registers a temperature of 101°F or higher, the Court Security Officers shall direct the trial or hearing participant to remain outside the courthouse. The Court Security Officers shall then contact the presiding judge, or another judge, or the Clerk of Court, or Chief Deputy Clerk of Court for further instructions.

Employees shall self-monitor their temperatures. The U.S. Marshals Service and Court Security Officers shall carry out this requirement for public entrances. No records will be kept of the results of any temperature screening.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2020.



JOHN A. JARVEY, Chief Judge
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