

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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IN RE: QUARANTINE PROTOCOL)
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT) G.O. 21-11
OF OKLAHOMA)

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U.S. DIST. COURT, WESTERN DIST. OKLA.
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ORDER

In light of the new guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the Court institutes the following protocol for all Judges and employees of the District Court, the Bankruptcy Court, the United States Probation Office, the Federal Public Defender’s Office, and members of the Criminal Justice Act panels. The Court strongly urges Judges and employees of the Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit who are stationed in Oklahoma City, the United States Marshals Service, the General Services Administration, and the United States Attorney’s Office to also comply with this protocol.

1. Persons who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, must isolate for a minimum of 5 days. If the person has no symptoms or the symptoms are resolving after 5 days, the person may discontinue isolation and return to the office *provided* the person continues to wear a well-fitting mask around others for an additional 5 days.

2. Persons who have been in close contact¹ with someone who has tested positive for or is believed to be ill due to COVID-19 shall comply with the following regimen:

- a. Persons who have received a booster shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or have completed the primary series² of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within 6 months of exposure or have completed the primary series of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine within 2 months of exposure may remain at work *provided* they wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days after exposure and test on day 5 after exposure (includes use of at-home rapid tests).³ If the person develops symptoms or tests positive at any time during this 10-day period, he or she must follow the regimen in § 1 above.
- b. If the person is unvaccinated or completed the primary series of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine more than 6 months before exposure and did not receive a booster shot or completed the primary series of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine more than 2

¹ Close contact is defined as being within six feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes within a 24 hour period; caring for someone who has COVID-19; having direct physical contact with an infected person, such as hugging or kissing the person; sharing eating utensils with an infected person; or having been sneezed or coughed on by a COVID-19 positive person.

² The primary series for the Pfizer vaccine is two shots delivered 3 weeks apart. The primary series for the Moderna vaccine is two shots delivered 4 weeks apart and the primary series for the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is one shot.

³ PCR testing is preferable, but not required. If at-home test kits are not reasonably available, the Court will provide a test kit also subject to availability.

months before exposure and did not receive a booster shot, the person must isolate for 5 days after exposure, test on day 5 after exposure (includes use of at-home rapid tests), and continue to wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days. If the person develops symptoms or tests positive at any time during this 10-day period, he or she must follow the regimen in § 1 above.

3. In addition to these protocols, all persons exposed to someone with COVID-19 must continue to monitor their health and watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure. If symptoms appear, immediate self-isolation in accordance with § 1 is required.
4. This order supersedes G.O. 20-28.

ENTERED for the Court this 30th day of December, 2021.



TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI
Chief United States District Judge