



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 FOLLOWING TRAVEL  
DATE: 4/1/21

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**SDNY Protocol for Travelers**

- **Domestic travelers to New York State who have been fully vaccinated** can enter the courthouse within 90 days of their full vaccination without proof of a negative test. According to the CDC, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).
- The following individuals can enter the courthouse without proof of a negative test at any time following travel, regardless of vaccination status:
  - **Domestic travelers to New York State from contiguous states (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont);**
  - **International travelers from CDC Level 1 Health Notice countries under the COVID risk assessment; and**
  - **Domestic travelers and international travelers who were out of New York State for less than 24 hours.**
- **All other domestic travelers who were out of New York State for more than 24 hours** may not enter the courthouse within ten days after arrival to New York State unless they test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test\* administered within two days prior to entry to the courthouse.
- **All other international travelers who were out of New York State for more than 24 hours** may not enter the courthouse within ten days after arrival to New York State unless they: (1) test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test\* administered no sooner than 3 days prior to arrival in New York, (2) quarantine for 7 days upon arrival in New York, and (3) test negative on a COVID PCR diagnostic test\* administered no sooner than the fourth day after arrival in New York.

All other criteria for entry set forth in the Fourth Amended Standing Order on Entry, M10-468, and the SDNY COVID-19 entry questionnaire still apply.

\*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