



UNITED STATES TAX COURT
Washington, D.C. 20217

October 5, 2021

Administrative Order No. 2021-02

Subject: Washington, D.C. Courthouse Access

I. Background

On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). On March 20, 2020, the United States Tax Court courthouse in Washington, D.C. was closed to the public. The Court has remained closed to the public since March 2020 and continues to closely monitor the public health emergency created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines are widely available in the United States and one (Pfizer-BioNTech) has received full approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration. The Court now plans to commence in-person Court proceedings in Washington, D.C. To protect the health and safety of the public and Court staff, the Court is allowing visitors entry into the Court building solely for the purpose of providing public access to observe scheduled Court proceedings.

II. Visitor Access

Effective October 12, 2021, visitors may be admitted to the United States Tax Court building in Washington, D.C. for the purpose of observing in-person Court proceedings. Visitors will be required to show proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a negative test result from a test taken within 72 hours. No additional visitors will be allowed to enter after the courtroom occupancy capacity for physical distancing is reached.

III. U.S. Marshals Service

Effective October 12, 2021, the United States Marshals Service for the District of Columbia must ensure that all employees or contractors of the U.S. Marshals Service entering the Courthouse, including court security officers, provide attestations that they are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or are being subjected to weekly or twice-weekly COVID-19 testing.

Maurice B. Foley
Chief Judge