

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
SUPREME COURT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ORDER

Pursuant to its constitutional authority and powers of general superintendence over the New Hampshire court system, and upon consideration of the guidance of federal and state public health officials as to mitigation of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Supreme Court makes the following orders concerning entrance to New Hampshire Judicial Branch facilities and courthouses by persons other than employees and judges.

The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services advises that domestic travel within the United States, including travel outside of New England, does not require self-quarantine upon arrival in, or return to, New Hampshire, regardless of a person's vaccination status. Accordingly, the Supreme Court's August 21, 2020 order is hereby revoked to the extent that it required domestic travelers from outside of New England to self-quarantine for 14 days prior to entering Judicial Branch facilities and courthouses.

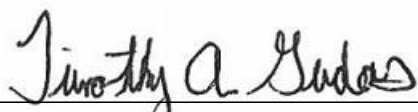
The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services continues to advise that persons who have engaged in international travel, or travel on a cruise ship, self-quarantine upon their arrival in, or return to, New Hampshire. In accordance with this guidance, the Judicial Branch will allow people who have traveled internationally or on a cruise ship to enter Judicial Branch facilities and courthouses after they complete a 14-day self-quarantine

period, as measured from the last day of travel. This self-quarantine period does not apply to a fully vaccinated person who is at least two weeks beyond the person's second dose of a two-dose COVID vaccine or two weeks beyond the person's single dose of a one-dose COVID vaccine. Litigants and lawyers are advised to plan ahead to comply with this requirement, both for themselves and for anyone they intend to have attend, or testify during, a live, in-person proceeding.

As justice requires, the Presiding Judge of a court can pre-approve requested exceptions to this requirement, consistent with current public-health guidelines for limiting contagion risk, such as social distancing measures and limitations on the amount of time that a person is in the courthouse.

This order shall remain in effect until revoked or amended.

Issued: April 6, 2021

ATTEST: 

Timothy A. Gudas, Clerk of Court
Supreme Court of New Hampshire