



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
District of Rhode Island

NOTICE REGARDING THE CLOSURE OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE

In the interest of public health and safety, and after consideration of public health guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the State of Rhode Island, and other public health authorities, the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island will close public access to its Clerk's Office effective Monday, December 20, 2021.

While public access to our physical facility will be limited, the Court continues to remain 100% operational. We continue to:

- Accept and docket all filings via the Court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF) or U.S. Mail.
- Process mail and return prisoner and litigant correspondence.
- Receive and process check or money order payments and generate restitution payments.
- Conduct telephonic and video conferences and hearings.
- Conduct in person hearings of an emergency nature or when a defendant's liberty interests are involved. Please note, the Court may limit attendance at such in person hearings in line with CDC and Rhode Island Department of Health regulations regarding the size of public gatherings.
- Decide motions and issue opinions.
- Answer telephone and email inquiries.

Court staff can be reached by phone via the Clerk's Office main number at 401-752-7200, by the Court's directory which can be [found here](#), via Twitter [@USDC_RI](#) or via e-mail at rid_ecf_intake@rid.uscourts.gov.

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