



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT *District of Rhode Island*

PUBLIC NOTICE THE FEDERAL COURT REMAINS 100% OPERATIONAL

The United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island wants to assure the public that we are 100% operational. While public access to our physical facility will be limited due to the public health guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and local health officials, we are heeding the social distancing recommendations but employees continue the important work of justice via telework computing.

Although the way in which we perform our vital functions is a little different, 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 paymentsⁱ and generate restitution payments.
- Conduct telephonic and video conferences and hearings.
- Conduct in person hearings on 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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ⁱⁱ We are still accepting case payments but have temporarily suspended the acceptance of cash payments during this time. Checks and money orders sent to the court address will be processed when received. Prepaid envelopes will be available in the Pastore building at the Post Office entrance