



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
*District of Rhode Island*

**NOTICE REGARDING THE REOPENING OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE  
IN THE U.S. COURTHOUSE**

The U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the reopening of the Clerk's Office for in-person filings and inquiries beginning June 1, 2021 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM each Tuesday and Thursday. This schedule is subject to change based on the operational needs of the Court.

The staff in the Clerk's Office has been fully vaccinated and we are excited to see, serve, and assist you again in person. Prior to your visit to the Courthouse, please take note that all persons entering the U.S. Courthouse are subject to the provisions of this Court's [General Order on Building Visitation and Access Restrictions](#) which requires visitors to pass through a series of screening protocols such as:

- Having their temperature taken using a contactless thermometer.
- Answering screening questions about COVID-19 status and possible recent COVID-19 exposure.
- Wearing a mask that covers a visitor's nose and mouth. If a visitor does not have a mask, one will be provided.

Although the Clerk's Office will re-open initially on a limited basis for in-person filings and inquiries, the Court will continue to conduct proceedings in eligible criminal and petty offense cases by video or telephone conference, as authorized by the CARES Act, and in civil cases as appropriate, to the maximum extent possible and strongly encourages parties to continue to consent to and participate in video and teleconference hearings.

Please direct questions to the Clerk's Office at 401-752-7200 or visit the COVID-19 section of our website for information, General Orders and guidance regarding the Court's operating status during the pandemic.

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