

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
GENERAL ORDER 20-0024**

**Re: COVID-19 Testing of Detainees**

Possible exposure to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) generates health and safety concerns for detainees, law enforcement officers, judges, Pretrial Services Officers, Clerk's Office staff, attorneys, and the public. Because early detection of infection can protect persons against unnecessary exposure,

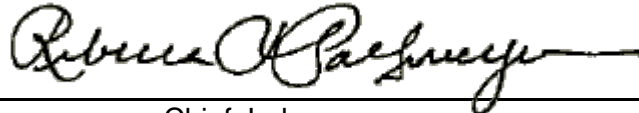
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that, effective immediately, any individual arrested in the Eastern Division of the Northern District of Illinois shall be administered a test for the Coronavirus prior to entering the Dirksen Courthouse. The law enforcement agency carrying out the arrest must arrange for this testing and may do so at any location convenient to the arresting agency. Staff at the Metropolitan Correctional Center have advised the Court that they have the capacity to perform the testing and that arresting agents may bring arrested persons to the MCC for testing. A detainee who tests positive will be confined at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in isolation pending the scheduling of an initial appearance. Should the arrestee test negative for Coronavirus, the arresting agency will then furnish the negative test results to the United States Marshals Service upon the arrestee's arrival to the Dirksen Courthouse.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a detainee who wishes to do so is entitled to consult with the Federal Defender Program prior to administration of the test.

This order will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

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FOR THE COURT



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Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 14th day of July, 2020