

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**GENERAL ORDER 20-7  
MARCH 23, 2020**

**IN RE: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

**ORDER CONCERNING TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF  
SPRINGFIELD COURT FACILITIES**

**SAYLOR, C.J.**

An employee of the clerk's office for the United States District Court who works in the Springfield courthouse has reported symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Accordingly, all operations at the United States Courthouse are hereby closed pending further order of the Court.

The clerk is directed to work with all potentially affected employees to ensure their ongoing health and safety and to try to maintain continuity of operations to the extent it is reasonable and safe to do so. The clerk is further directed to work with the General Services Administration and other federal agencies with operations in the building to consider potential future steps, including determining whether and when it is safe to reoccupy the building.

**So Ordered.**

Dated: March 23, 2020

/s/ F. Dennis Saylor IV  
F. Dennis Saylor IV  
Chief Judge, United States District Court