



What To Do If You Can't Get Into Court

- 1: Check to make sure you have the correct court section and the correct link.
- 2: Wait for court to open or to let you in, but don't wait all day. 30-45 minutes is sufficient.
- 3: Enter a data sheet that says you were in court at the time it started, but you were not admitted to the courtroom (CDC data sheet questions A3, A4, and A5 are most important).
- 4: [Fill out this form](#) to let us know that you had issues accessing court.

I'm sorry that you weren't able to court watch because court was closed or that you weren't admitted to the court. It's frustrating that you were planning on observing and weren't able to do so. However, this was still a successful observation. Part of what we do at Court Watch NOLA is hold the court accountable for access. When they don't give us access and we report on it, we are fulfilling our mission just as much as collecting data on a full session. This is especially important during the Covid-19 measures the court has put in place. Access and transparency are easy to brush aside during crises. You are helping us document and report on this even when you show up for court and you aren't let in. In some ways, this is the most important observation you could have made. By entering a data sheet that court was closed to you and filling out the survey documenting your issues, you are giving us the info we need to press the court for more access, better access, more transparency, and more consistency. Thank you for your help with this.