

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS  
IN REPOSE TO COVID-19

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Standing Order 2020-9

Due to the concerns enumerated in this Court's Standing Order 2020-4 and in order to continue to protect public health, and reduce the size of public gatherings and unnecessary travel, the United States District Court for the District of Oregon issues the following order amending Standing Order 2020-4, effective immediately:

1. All civil and criminal jury selections and jury trials scheduled to begin before June 1, 2020, are CONTINUED (i.e., postponed) pending further order of the Court.
2. All grand jury proceedings scheduled before June 1, 2020, are CONTINUED, unless otherwise ordered by the Chief Judge.
3. Unless otherwise ordered by the Presiding Judge, all other civil and criminal matters scheduled for an in-Court appearance before June 1, 2020, including any associated deadlines, are CONTINUED, unless all parties and the Presiding Judge agree to resolve the matters without oral argument, or via telephone or video teleconferencing where practical. This continuance applies to the District of Oregon Reentry Court proceedings.
4. Due to the Court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors and the above-referenced public health considerations associated with criminal jury trials and grand jury proceedings, the time period of the continuances implemented by this Standing Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The Court finds that the ends of justice served by ordering these continuances outweighs the best interest of the public and each defendant's right to speedy indictment or trial. The Court may extend the period of exclusion as circumstances may warrant.
5. Case-by-case exceptions to the continuances provided herein may be ordered for non-jury matters by the Presiding Judge after consultation with counsel.
6. This order does not affect the Court's consideration of civil or criminal motions that can be resolved without oral argument.
7. Clerk's Office services remain available subject to the limitations described in Standing Order 2020-5.
8. Some Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, such as Rules 10(b)(2), 15(c)(1)(A), 20(a)(1), 23(a)(1), 32(e), 43(b)(2), allow for consent or waiver of certain rights by a defendant, but

require that such consent or waiver be in writing. More broadly, various documents, including but not limited to financial affidavits, plea petitions, and waivers of indictment, call for the signatures of defendants, counsel, and/or judges. The current circumstances are likely to make it impracticable, if not impossible, to obtain actual signatures in a timely and safe manner. For these reasons, during the period when this Standing Order is in effect, any document may be signed electronically. Further, where a defendant's signature is called for, either defense counsel or the presiding judge may sign on the defendant's behalf if the defendant, after an opportunity to consult with counsel, consents.

9. The Court suspends the Judge's Paper Copy Requirement under Local Civil Rule 5-8 and Local Criminal Rule 49-7 for any document filed in a civil or criminal case before June 1, 2020, except for the paper copy of the Administrative Record in Social Security cases as required by Local Civil Rule 5-2(e)(1)(a). Judges may request paper copies under Local Civil Rule 5-8 or Local Criminal Rule 49-7 on a case-by-case basis.

The Court will vacate or amend this Standing Order as necessary and appropriate.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED this 7 day of April, 2020.

  
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MARCO HERNÁNDEZ  
CHIEF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE