

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

**FILED**

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE )  
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES ) General Order No. 20-30  
CREATED BY COVID-19 )

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By PATRICK KEANEY  
Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Deputy Clerk

GENERAL ORDER

This Order amends General Order Nos. 20-14, 20-18, and 20-21 and addresses only jury trials, grand jury proceedings, and naturalization ceremonies. The Court continues to monitor the evolving nature and spread of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 throughout the United States, the State of Oklahoma, and in particular, in the Eastern District of Oklahoma, and finds it appropriate at this time to continue with grand jury proceedings and naturalization ceremonies under the guidance set forth in General Order 20-14. With respect to jury trials, the Court finds these proceedings are not conducive to being held at this time and they should be continued through January 31, 2021. However, jury trials may be held at the discretion of a trial judge if the interests of justice outweigh the safety risks.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective immediately, grand jury proceedings and naturalization ceremonies will go forward as scheduled subject to precautionary screening, social distancing, and personal protective measures as set forth in General Order 20-14.

IT IS FUTHER ORDERED that, effective immediately, all jury trials scheduled to commence now through January 31, 2021, in the Ed Edmondson Federal Courthouse, are CONTINUED pending further order of the Court. This is without prejudice to the decision of a trial judge to proceed with trial if the interests of justice outweigh the safety risks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time period of any continuance entered through January 31, 2021, as a result of this Order shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), as the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial. The Court may extend the period of exclusion as circumstances warrant.

The Court will vacate or amend this General Order no later than January 31, 2021.

It is so ordered this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020.

Ronald A. White  
RONALD A. WHITE  
CHIEF JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT