

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
GENERAL ORDER 20-0033**

December 9, 2020

**IN RE: SUSPENSION OF JURY TRIALS DURING CORONAVIRUS COVID-19
PUBLIC EMERGENCY**

In the Eighth Amended General Order 20-0012, the Court suspended all civil and criminal jury trials until further notice. The suspension of jury trials is hereby MODIFIED as follows:

1. All civil and criminal jury trials are suspended until March 1, 2021. The presiding judge in cases affected by this order shall enter any appropriate orders, including findings under the Speedy Trial Act, on the docket of the individual cases. Under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), the Court finds that the period of any continuance entered as a result of this Order through March 1, 2021, shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, to serve the ends of justice. The Court finds that the delay outweighs the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial given the need to protect the health and safety of defendants, defense counsel, prosecutors, court staff, and the public by reducing the number of in-person hearings to the greatest extent possible.
2. All other terms of the Eighth Amended General Order 20-0012 and Second Amended General Order 20-0022 remain in place.
3. The Clerk of Court shall distribute this General Order by electronically posting the Order on the Court's public website.

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FOR THE COURT:



Hon. Rebecca R. Pallmeyer, Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 9th day of December 2020