

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT  
COURT DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

IN RE: PROCEEDINGS DURING )  
THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-02  
PANDEMIC )

**ORDER**

This order supersedes Amended Administrative Order 2020-11, Administrative Order 2020-12 and Administrative Order 2020-13. However, the justification for this Administrative Order remains the same as for Amended Administrative Order 2020-11. All video and audio conferences previously authorized remain authorized, and the calculation of time under the CARES Act and other components of Amended Administrative Order 2020-11 remain in place.

WHEREAS this Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of COVID-19 and recognizes the need to assist in the preservation of public safety and health while effectively administering justice during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment continues to urge caution as the data demonstrate a continued significant rate of COVID-19 infections in many parts of the District of Kansas. This rate of infections makes it advisable to restrict certain court operations to help slow the spread of the disease.

It is hereby ORDERED that all in-person civil and criminal jury trials and all in-person hearings or bench trials scheduled to commence now through **March 31, 2021**, before any district or magistrate judge in any courthouse in the District of Kansas or at Ft. Riley are CONTINUED subject to further order of the Court. Pursuant to the CARES Act, the period of this postponement shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, as the Court specifically finds that for public safety reasons, the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. section 3161(h)(7)(A).

It is further ORDERED that any existing grand jury may meet during this period subject to the discretion of the U.S. Attorney and the Court.

It is further ORDERED that emergency in-person hearings in criminal and civil cases may be conducted if determined necessary by the presiding Judicial Officer, in consultation with the Chief Judge.

The Chief Judge has reviewed the CARES Act authorizations granted in previous Administrative Orders and pursuant to section 15002(b)(3) of the CARES Act, the aforementioned authorizations are extended until the earlier of: (1) the date the Chief Judge determines the authorization is no longer warranted, (2) the date on which emergency authority granted by the JCUS is terminated, (3) the date authorization has been terminated pursuant to section 15002(b)(5) of the CARES Act, or (4) March 31, 2021. If this authorization has not been terminated before

March 31, 2021, this Court will repeatedly review this authorization and determine whether to extend it, in a frequency not to exceed 90 days.

All other terms and rationale of Amended Administrative Order 2020-11 remain in effect.

SO ORDERED this 2nd day of February 2021.

*s/Julie A. Robinson*

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**JULIE A. ROBINSON, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**