

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA

In the matter of

SUSPENSION OF CRIMINAL
PROCEEDINGS EFFECTIVE
MARCH 18, 2020

MISCELLANEOUS
GENERAL ORDER 20-08

This Order is issued to supplement the Court's Miscellaneous General Order 20-06 concerning court operations under the exigent circumstances created by coronavirus disease (COVID-19). In order to protect public health through the aim of reducing the size of public gatherings, as well as balancing the fair administration of justice, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020:

1. Except as directed by an individual judge, criminal proceedings, including sentencings, supervised release revocation hearings, motion hearings, arraignments, plea hearings, misdemeanor bench trials, and all proceedings under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 5.1, are suspended until April 13, 2020.
2. Initial Appearances and Detention Hearings will proceed as directed by Miscellaneous General Order 20-07.
3. Except as directed by an individual judge, civil proceedings may proceed as currently scheduled. The Court may issue other orders concerning future continuances of civil proceedings as necessary and appropriate.
4. In criminal and civil proceedings, individual judges may continue to hold hearings, conferences, and bench trials in the exercise of their discretion, consistent with the Court's General Orders. Judges should conduct court proceedings by telephone or video conferencing where practicable and consistent with the law.
5. All in-person status hearings are vacated. In those cases, counsel shall file a written joint status report. If there is need for a status hearing, counsel may make application to the court for a telephonic hearing.

6. Judges may otherwise take such actions as may be lawful and appropriate to ensure the fairness of the proceedings and preserve the rights of the parties.
7. This Miscellaneous General Order is effective immediately and will remain in place until April 13, 2020 absent further order of the Court.

DATED this 18th day of March, 2020

/s/ Timothy M. Burgess
Hon. Timothy M. Burgess
Chief United States District Judge

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