

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA

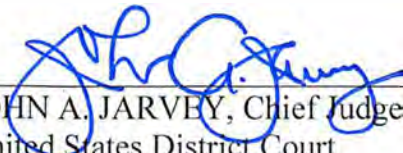
IN THE MATTER OF PANDEMIC CAUSED JURY TRIAL CONTINUANCES	ORDER Public Administrative Order No. <u>20-AO-3</u> P
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This administrative order is being issued in response to the recent outbreak of the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in the Southern District of Iowa. This order is consistent with those of neighboring federal districts.

To combat the spread of the disease, given the severity of the risk posed to the public, Court staff, and other Court agencies, and considering the public health recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the following order will be implemented within the Southern District of Iowa.

1. All civil and criminal jury trials currently set in the Southern District of Iowa from now until May 4, 2020 are continued pending further order. The postponement of these cases will be assessed by the Court in mid to late April to determine whether further postponement is appropriate. The time between the date of this administrative order and the new trial date shall be excluded from consideration of the Speedy Trial Act’s requirement of a trial within seventy days from arraignment. Specifically, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by these continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendants to a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).
2. By separate administrative order, the Court cancels any further grand jury proceedings in the Southern District of Iowa for the month of March 2020.
3. Non-jury criminal and civil trials and other hearings may be conducted at the discretion of each judge, giving deference to the concerns of litigants and witnesses.

DATED this 16th day of March, 2020.



JOHN A. JARVEY, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Iowa



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