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Mark C. McCartt, Clerk  
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

In re: )  
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COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE )  
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES )  
CREATED BY THE NOVEL CORONA )  
ASSOCIATED DISEASE (COVID-19) )

GENERAL ORDER 20-10

This General Order amends and supersedes General Order 20-06. This General Order is being issued in response to the continuing outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Court incorporates here its prior findings regarding COVID-19 and the state of emergency declarations and public health guidelines as set forth in those prior General Orders.

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that the procedures established by General Order 20-06 will be continued through May 31, 2020. This includes:

- 1) All civil hearings and trials before any district or magistrate judge scheduled on or before May 31, 2020, are CONTINUED pending further Order of the Court. However, all other scheduling order deadlines, including discovery cut-off and all motion, response, and reply deadlines, shall remain in effect. Telephonic hearings may be scheduled at the discretion of the judge;
- 2) All criminal hearings and trials scheduled before any district judge scheduled on or before May 31, 2020, are CONTINUED pending further Order of the Court. All other scheduling order deadlines, including all motion and response deadlines, shall remain in effect. Magistrate judges will continue to conduct preliminary criminal proceedings. Magistrate judges will exercise discretion as to the timing, frequency, and manner of conducting such proceedings, which may be conducted in a manner consistent with General Order 20-07;
- 3) All Court-ordered settlement conferences scheduled on or before May 31, 2020, whether scheduled before a magistrate judge or adjunct settlement judge, are CONTINUED pending further Order of the Court;
- 4) All grand jury proceedings in this District are CONTINUED, unless specifically authorized by order of the court on an emergency basis;

- 5) With regard to criminal matters, due to the Court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors and the effect of the public health recommendations on the availability of counsel and Court staff to be present in the courtroom, the time period of May 1, 2020 through the scheduled June trial docket starting June 15, 2020 will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, as the Court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by ordering the continuances outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161 (h)(7)(A);
- 6) Case-by-case exceptions to the continuances provided herein may be ordered for non-jury matters at the discretion of the Court after consultation with counsel;
- 7) This Order does not affect the Court's consideration of civil or criminal motions that can be resolved without oral argument.

The courthouse remains open. Staff in the Clerk's Office will be available by telephone, mail will be received, and intake desks remain open for filing. Electronic filings may still be made through the CM/ECF system. The public is encouraged to continue utilizing court services while following all applicable health guidelines.

The Court will vacate or amend this General Order no later than May 31, 2020.

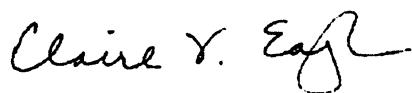
IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 28th day of April, 2020.



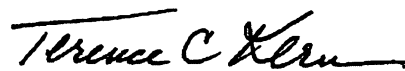
JOHN E. DOWDELL  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



GREGORY K. FRIZZELL  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



CLAIRE V. EAGAN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE



TERENCE C. KERN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE