



## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

### District of Minnesota

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## NEWS RELEASE

### United States District Court for the District of Minnesota COVID-19 Response

Minneapolis, MN – The United States District Court for the District of Minnesota will remain open for business in each of its four courthouses and has implemented the following public health safety precautions:

- 1. Effective immediately, all criminal and civil jury trials will be suspended until after April 27, 2020.**
- 2. Effective March 23, 2020, all grand juries will be suspended through April 27, 2020.**
- 3. Attorney admission ceremonies will be suspended through April 27, 2020.**

These changes are implemented by General Order issued by Chief Judge John R. Tunheim on March 13, 2020.

The Court is utilizing a robust remote working strategy for all staff to support social distancing. The Clerk's Office, the Probation & Pretrial Services Office, the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and all other Court services will remain open pending further order of the Court. The Clerk's Office intake desk and Electronic Case Filing (ECF) helpdesks will continue to be staffed and mail will be received and processed. Electronic filings may still be made through the Court's electronic filing system. Please consult the District Court's website at [www.mnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov) and the Bankruptcy Court's website at [www.mnb.uscourts.gov](http://www.mnb.uscourts.gov) for current information regarding the Clerk's Office locations and available services.

At this time, naturalization ceremonies will proceed as scheduled, with social distancing measures implemented.

The Court continues to monitor the most current statements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as all communications disseminated by the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts (AO), regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Court is following recommended guidelines from public health officials and preparedness guidance from the AO, including cancelling or postponing all non-essential events and travel, increasing sanitation efforts in all courtrooms and public spaces, and increasing remote working options for staff.

The District Court has courthouses in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, and Fergus Falls.

Additional questions can be directed to Media Coordinator, Rebeccah Parks at [Rebeccah\\_Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Rebeccah_Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov).

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