



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

District of Minnesota

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NEWS RELEASE

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

Minneapolis, MN – In accordance with updated national and state guidance regarding events larger than 10 people, the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota will be implementing the following public health safety precautions:

1. All criminal proceedings will be suspended through April 16, 2020. A detailed General Order may be found here https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/sites/mnd/files/2020-0317_COVID-19-General-Order-No2.pdf.
2. All Grand Jury proceedings are suspended until April 16, 2020.
3. All Central Violations Bureau or petty offense hearings are suspended until April 16, 2020.
4. Exceptions to this order may be approved by the presiding judge, if special circumstances so require.

These precautions are in addition to the General Order entered by this Court on March 13, 2020, which can be found [here](#).

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 and the Bankruptcy

Court's website at www.mnb.uscourts.gov for current information regarding the Clerk's Office locations and available services.

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.

Additional questions can be directed to Media Coordinator, Rebeccah Parks at Rebeccah.Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov.

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