

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

IN RE: UPDATED GUIDANCE TO COURT OPERATIONS  
UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY  
COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER  
No. 6

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, March 17, 2020, March 23, 2020, and March 26, 2020, and March 30, 2020 the Court issued General Orders re: Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States of America has declared a national emergency in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Minnesota has declared a peacetime emergency to coordinate Minnesota's strategy to protect Minnesotans from COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the public health authorities have advised taking precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of disease, including to avoid large gatherings of people;

NOW THEREFORE, to reduce courthouse visitors and provide access to public court proceedings only during the emergency created by the COVID-19 outbreak, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that:

1. Members of the press and public may attend public court proceedings remotely via telephone conference, using the following steps:
  - a. Identify the proceeding on the Court's public calendar located at this address: <https://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/court-schedules>.
  - b. Access the case docket on the PACER at [www.pacer.gov](http://www.pacer.gov).
  - c. If a teleconference line has been established for the proceeding, the case docket will display the dial-in instructions or instructions to contact the presiding judge's chambers to obtain dial-in instructions.

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- d. Specific instructions for attending court proceedings remotely via telephone conference may be found on the Court's website at [www.mnd.uscourts.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance).
2. Members of the public and media are strictly prohibited from recording or broadcasting any hearing, in whole or in part, in any fashion.
3. The General Orders entered by this Court on March 13, 2020, March 17, 2020, March 23, 2020, March 26, 2020, and March 30, 2020, remain in effect, except for the changes addressed in this Order.
4. This order will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Dated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, March 31, 2020 at 2:30 PM.



JOHN R. TUNHEIM  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court