

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. 7

WHEREAS the Court issued has issued a series of General Orders re: Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19, which are available on the Court's website at [www.mnd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mnd.uscourts.gov).

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 ensure due process during the emergency created by the COVID-19 outbreak, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that:

1. During the period that this Order is in effect, when additional information is requested by the Court regarding a motion to reconsider a previously issued detention order, the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services will investigate available new information and will conduct a record check to update the status of any pending cases or outstanding detainers and warrants.
2. Pretrial Services will reassess whether alternatives to detention exist that in its judgment will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant and the safety of the community and will advise the Court of its recommendation. The supplemental report generated by this process will continue to be filed on CM/ECF (as Court only).

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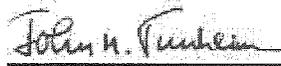
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3. Pretrial Services will forward the supplemental report, along with prior pretrial reports, to the attorneys of record in an encrypted document sent via email. The email containing the encrypted attachment will include the following:

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4. The series of General Orders entered by this Court since March 13, 2020, remain in effect, except for the changes addressed in this Order.
5. This order will remain in effect until further order of the Court.

Dated in Minneapolis, Minnesota, April 1, 2020 at 12:30 PM.



JOHN R. TUNHEIM  
Chief Judge  
United States District Court