



United States District Court

District of Minnesota

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NEWS RELEASE

United States District Court for the District of Minnesota COVID-19 Update – Update to jury trials

Minneapolis, MN – Due to recent increases in COVID-19 cases in Minnesota, the court has issued the following updates to its operations for criminal and civil jury trials, effective immediately:

For criminal trials:

- All criminal trials that have not already commenced as of the date of this order, are suspended through December 31, 2020.

For civil trials:

- All civil jury trial-specific deadlines are suspended through December 31, 2020, or as ordered by the presiding judge.

Please review the attached orders for more specific details [HERE](#).

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 requiring face coverings for anyone entering the courthouse, cancelling or postponing all non-essential events and travel, increasing sanitation efforts in all courtrooms and public spaces, and continuing to provide remote working options for staff.

Additional questions can be directed to Public Information Officer, Rebeccah Parks at [Rebeccah Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov](mailto:Rebeccah.Parks@mnd.uscourts.gov).

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