

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
BY COVID-19**

**ADM-1
ORDER 20-3**

ORDER

This Standing Order is being issued in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other health authorities have advised people to take precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the COVID-19 virus and to slow the spread of the disease. In particular, the CDC is recommending that people attempt to keep physical distance between themselves and other people. This technique, known as social distancing, is especially important for people who have a higher health risk should they contract the disease. The CDC is also recommending employers attempt to minimize exposure between employees and the public and to consider the public health and safety when scheduling group or public events.

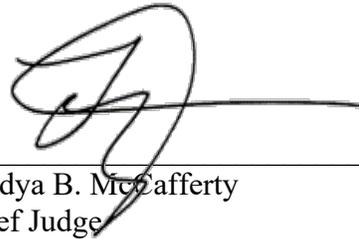
Therefore, in order to protect public health, and in order to reduce the size of public gatherings and unnecessary travel, the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire issues the following order, effective immediately:

1. All civil and criminal jury trials scheduled to begin before May 1, 2020, are continued.
2. All grand jury proceedings scheduled before May 1, 2020, are continued.
3. Due to the court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors and the above-referenced public health considerations associated with criminal jury trials and grand jury proceedings, the time period of the continuances implemented by this Standing Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The court finds that the ends of justice served by ordering these continuances outweighs the best interest of the public and each defendant's right to speedy indictment or trial.
4. Individual judges may continue to hold hearings, conferences, and bench trials at the Rudman Courthouse or by video/telephonic conference in their discretion.

5. Magistrate judges shall continue to preside over criminal matters such as initial appearances, arraignments, and detention hearings.
6. Court hosted naturalization events scheduled before May 1, 2020, are cancelled. This order does not, however, impact the authority of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to conduct administrative naturalization ceremonies.
7. The District Court Clerk's Office and Probation & Pretrial Services Office shall remain open to the public pending further order.

SO ORDERED.

Date: March 12, 2020



Handwritten signature of Landya B. McCafferty, Chief Judge, written in black ink over a horizontal line.

Landya B. McCafferty
Chief Judge