

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE:  
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
NO. 2020-06**

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CONTINUANCE OF JURY TRIALS AND  
EXCLUSION OF TIME UNDER THE SPEEDY  
TRIAL ACT

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ROSLYNN R. MAUSKOPF, Chief Judge

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency, and the Governor of New York has banned mass gatherings throughout the state and taken other actions in response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, a novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised the taking of precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE in order to protect public health, and in order to reduce the size of public gatherings, and reduce unnecessary travel, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York hereby issues the following order:

1. The United States courthouses in Brooklyn and Central Islip will remain open for business, subject to the following limitations:
2. Effective March 16, 2020, all civil and criminal jury trials in the Eastern District of New York scheduled to begin before April 27, 2020, are continued pending further order of the Court. The Court may issue other orders concerning future continuances as necessary and appropriate.

3. Compliance with all trial-specific deadlines in civil and criminal cases scheduled to begin before April 27, 2020, is at the discretion of the assigned judge.
4. Individual judges presiding over civil and criminal proceedings may take such actions consistent with this order as may be lawful and appropriate to ensure the fairness of the proceedings and preserve the rights of the parties.
5. Nothing in this order shall affect jury trials that began prior to March 16, 2020, and have not yet concluded.
6. The Court is cognizant of the right of criminal defendants to a speedy and public trial under the Sixth Amendment, and the particular application of that right in cases involving defendants who are detained pending trial. Any motion by a criminal defendant seeking an exception to this order in order to exercise that right should be directed to the District Judge assigned to the matter in the first instance; provided, however, that no such exception may be ordered without consultation with the Chief Judge.
7. The time between March 16, 2020 and April 27, 2020 is hereby excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(a)-(c) and (h)(7)(A) in all criminal matters, as the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial and in the time in which an indictment must be filed.
8. Individual judges may continue to hold hearings, conferences, and bench trials in the exercise of their discretion, consistent with this order. Judges are strongly encouraged to conduct court proceedings by telephone or video conferencing where practicable, and/or adjourn matters or deadlines, or stay litigation, where in-person meetings,

interviews, depositions, or travel would be necessary to prepare for any such proceedings.

9. Initial appearances and arraignments shall continue to take place in the ordinary course, or where practicable or necessary, be conducted remotely pursuant to procedures established by the Court. Detention and bail review proceedings shall be scheduled with the approval of the assigned District Judge or Duty Magistrate Judge.
10. The Clerk's Office, the District Executive's Office, Pre-Trial Services, the Probation Department, and all other District Court services shall remain open pending further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York  
March 16, 2020

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ROSLYNN R. MAUSKOPF  
Chief Judge