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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 IN RE: )

11 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC )  
12 EMERGENCY )

13 FURTHER ORDER CONCERNING )  
14 JURY TRIALS AND OTHER )  
15 PROCEEDINGS )

GENERAL ORDER NO. 20-05

(Supersedes Amended General Order  
No. 20-02)

16 WHEREAS, the number of people infected by the COVID-19 virus, also known  
17 as “Coronavirus,” continues to grow exponentially, with thousands of confirmed cases  
18 and hundreds of deaths in the Central District of California; and

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

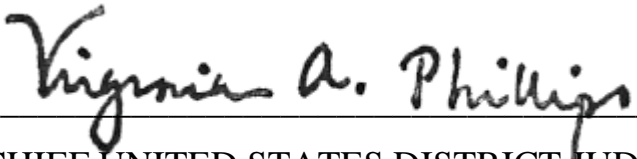
22 With the concurrence of a majority of all of the District Judges of the Court, in  
23 order to protect public health, and in order to reduce the size of public gatherings and  
24 reduce unnecessary travel, the Court orders as follows:

- 25 1. The Court’s Continuity of Operations Plan (“COOP”) remains activated  
26 as ordered in Order of the Chief Judge No. 20-042, which is incorporated  
27 herein by reference, and is extended through and including June 1, 2020.  
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- 1           2.     The Court will not call in jurors for service in civil or criminal jury trials  
2           until after June 1, 2020 or otherwise ordered by the Court. Individual  
3           Judges may issue other orders concerning future continuances as  
4           necessary and appropriate.
- 5           3.     All filing deadlines will remain in place unless otherwise ordered by the  
6           presiding Judge.
- 7           4.     Pursuant to the COOP, hearings in civil cases will only go forward by  
8           video or telephonic conference.
- 9           5.     Hearings by video and telephonic conference may be held by individual  
10          Judges in certain criminal matters as set forth in Order of the Chief Judge  
11          No. 20-043, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- 12          6.     Criminal duty matters before Magistrate Judges, such as initial  
13          appearances, arraignments, detention hearings, and the issuance of search  
14          warrants, shall continue to take place in the ordinary course, with a  
15          preference for appearances made by video or telephonic conference as set  
16          forth in Order of the Chief Judge No. 20-043. All signatures on  
17          documents including, but not limited to, financial affidavits, statement of  
18          the defendant's constitutional rights, consents to waive preliminary  
19          hearing, consents to appear by video or telephonic conference, waivers of  
20          the defendant's presence, Pretrial and Probation reports, and appearance  
21          bonds/orders for release shall be performed electronically with the  
22          [s/name] format. For the defendant, defense counsel may sign on behalf  
23          of the defendant, after receiving consent, and submit the documents  
24          electronically to the duty Judge's criminal duty email address by no later  
25          than 2:00 p.m. the day of the criminal duty calendar.

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7. In-person meetings of the grand juries shall remain suspended as set forth in Order of the Chief Judge No. 20-044, and that period of suspension is extended through and including June 1, 2020, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
  8. The naturalization ceremonies scheduled in April and May 2020 are cancelled. The Court delegates authority to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service to administer the oath of citizenship to applicants scheduled to be naturalized at those ceremonies.

10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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13 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

14 *Date of Approval by the Court:* April 10, 2020

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16 *Date of Filing by the Clerk:* April 13, 2020  
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