

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: }
COVID-19 PANDEMIC }
 } **GENERAL ORDER: 01/15/2021-3**
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GENERAL SESSIONS JUDICIARY }

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Tennessee Supreme Court Order of March 13, 2020 and the continuing orders of March 25, 2020 and May 26, 2020 suspending in-person court proceedings and of November 17, 2020 suspending jury trials through January 31, 2021, and with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s expectation that January will be the worst month to date of the COVID pandemic, the Knox County General Sessions Court Judges hereby issue the following ORDER: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 5, 2021:

1. All jail cases – including felonies, misdemeanors, and DUIs – set for January preliminary hearings will be scheduled in the General Sessions, Division I Courtroom at 8:30 a.m. Those inmates will be transported to the City-County Building.
2. All jail cases with OTR settings will be docketed in the General Sessions Division III Courtroom. Attorneys will appear either in-person or by TEAMS and should appear remotely whenever possible. This includes cases for plea agreements.

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3. All January 2021 cases have been reset, either by the attorneys or the Clerk's office. Defense attorneys shall notify their clients of the new court date. Resets should comply with COVID-capacity dockets and be scheduled no sooner than February 8, 2021.

This Order is subject to revision without further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Per Curiam
Knox County General Sessions Judges

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