

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE

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Eastern District of Tennessee  
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IN RE: )  
) SO-20-12  
EXTENSIONS OF TIME SET FORTH IN )  
SO-20-06 AND SO-20-09 REGARDING )  
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE )  
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED )  
BY COVID-19 )

**STANDING ORDER**

On March 16, 2020, this Court entered Standing Order 20-06 addressing Court operations under the exigent circumstances created by the spread of COVID-19. Subject to the exceptions stated therein, Standing Order 20-06 provided that all civil and criminal jury trials; all grand jury proceedings in Greeneville and Chattanooga; and all misdemeanor, traffic and petty offense dockets in all divisions would be suspended or continued through April 24, 2020. On April 15, 2020, the Court entered Standing Order 20-11, extending those deadlines through May 4, 2020. The Court also suspended all grand jury proceedings in all divisions through April 30, 2020, pursuant to Standing Order SO-20-09 entered on April 1, 2020.

Considering that the COVID-19 pandemic continues, and in consideration of updated guidance from the CDC as well as federal, state, and local public health authorities, the Court hereby finds an extension of its modified operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is warranted.

Accordingly, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the deadlines set forth in Standing Order 20-06 (extended by Standing Order 20-11) and Standing Order 20-09 be extended to May 30, 2020. All other provisions of Standing Order 20-06 and Standing Order 20-09 remain in effect until further order of this Court.

Prior to May 30, 2020, the Court will reevaluate then-existing circumstances and updated guidance from the CDC and federal, state, and local public health authorities to determine whether the circumstances warrant an extension of the May 30, 2020, date or whether judicial proceedings, including jury trials and grand jury proceedings, can resume.

**ENTER:**

  
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**CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**