


IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
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AMENDED ORDER REGARDING  
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

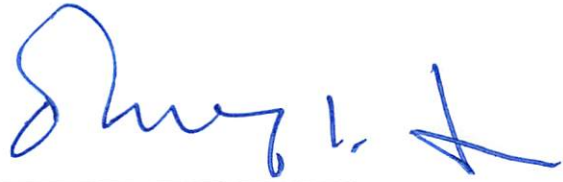
For reasons stated in previous court orders dated March 13, 2020 and March 16, 2020,  
the Court enters the following Order:

1. The Courts of the Western District of Texas shall be closed with the following exceptions herein described.
2. All settings in any civil or criminal matter currently scheduled before May 1, 2020, are cancelled, pending further order of the court, with the exception of pleas, sentencings, criminal matters before Magistrate Judges, such as initial appearances, arraignments, detention hearings, and the issuance of search warrants or other warrants. The Magistrate Judge shall continue utilizing such procedures as the Magistrate Judge or Presiding District Judge may direct which are consistent with this Order and applicable law, including the use of video technology. All Central Violations Bureau proceedings scheduled between March 23, 2020 and May 1, 2020 are continued pending further Order of the Court.
3. All deadlines in a scheduling order, other than a trial date, shall remain in effect unless modified by the assigned Judge.
4. All judicial officers shall be mindful to limit and minimize the number of people in the courthouse, including courtrooms.

This **Order** does not apply to Bankruptcy Courts in the Western District of Texas.

Additionally, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the United States Marshal Service shall direct the Court Security Officers to conduct medical screening questions as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control. Persons who appear to have flu-like symptoms shall not be permitted in the courthouse.

SIGNED this <sup>24</sup> \_\_\_ day of March, 2020.



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**ORLANDO L. GARCIA**  
Chief United States District Judge