

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

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WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
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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, shall continue utilizing such procedures as Magistrate Judges 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.

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 20 day of **March, 2020**.



ORLANDO L. GARCIA
Chief United States District Judge