

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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CINCINNATI, OHIO

IN RE

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
BY COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER NO. 35-2
(Effective March 25, 2020)

This General Order supplements General Order 35-1 entered on March 13, 2020. Unless modified by this Order, each of the provisions of General Order 35-1 shall remain in force and effect until further order of the Court.

The Court issues this General Order in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Ohio, General Order 20-05 entered by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio on March 20, 2020, and the Director's Stay at Home Order (Stay at Home Order) issued by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health on March 22, 2020.

Given the outbreak of COVID-19 in this district, its exponential spread, and the community health objectives of the Stay at Home Order, it is hereby ORDERED that, effective **March 25, 2020**:

1) **Until and including April 6, 2020**, every trial, hearing, and conference (collectively, "Matter") scheduled before the Court is **VACATED**, provided that each Judge retains the discretion to proceed with any particular Matter if otherwise ordered.

2) This General Order does not affect the Court's consideration of motions that can be resolved without Court appearances.

3) Attorneys are encouraged to continue to file documents with the Court electronically through CM/ECF. Staff in each of the Clerk's offices will be available by telephone, mail will be received, and new filings will be processed.

4) Pursuant to General Order 36-1, the intake desks are closed. The public may submit filings or payments, during normal business hours, through drop boxes located inside the entrance to each courthouse, near the court security station. **Cash payments are not accepted at drop boxes.** Filings and payments will be processed the same business day. Filings and payments may also be submitted by mail. **The public is strongly encouraged to use the U.S. Mail to file documents and submit payments.**

The Court will amend or vacate this General Order no later than April 6, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge Jeffery P. Hopkins
United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Ohio