

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI**

IN RE: )  
CIVIL CASE OPERATIONS )  
DUE TO COVID-19 RESPONSE )


**ORDER**

WHEREAS this Court continues to evaluate its response to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and recognizes the need to accommodate extenuating circumstances to assist in the effective administration of civil cases during this period of national emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court hereby adopts the following measures in civil cases, effective immediately and until May 31, 2020, or further Order of the Court:

1. This Court hereby suspends all requirements related to in-person participation in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) under Local Rule 6.02(C) in order to allow for ADR to take place by any remote means agreed upon by the parties;
2. This Court recognizes that the current national response to COVID-19 may result in the need for parties to request continuances or other relief. Parties requesting relief must file a motion specifying the relief requested and the judge will rule promptly on that motion. Parties must consult with opposing parties before filing any motion for relief under this subsection, and such motions should be filed by consent wherever possible.

**SO ORDERED** this 18th day of March, 2020.

  
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Rodney W. Sippel  
Chief United States District Judge