

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

IN RE: )  
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 justice during this period of national emergency; and

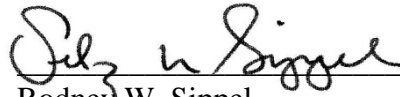
WHEREAS the Judicial Conference of the United States (JCUS) has found under the CARES Act, P.L. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (CARES Act), that emergency conditions due to the national emergency declared by the President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.) with respect to COVID-19 have materially affected and will materially affect the functioning of the federal courts generally;

NOW THEREFORE, the Court hereby adopts the following Order:

1. Paragraphs 2 through 9 of this Court's [Order In Re: Case Operations dated May 29, 2020](#) remain in effect;
2. Jury trials may commence in the Southeastern Division on or after July 6, 2020 and in the Eastern Division on or after July 13, 2020, but due to the precautions necessary to commence a jury trial during the current pandemic, only a very limited number of jury trials may commence.
3. Therefore in criminal cases, the Court finds that the time period of any continuance entered from the date of this Order through August 2, 2020 as a result of this Order shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), as the Court finds that the ends of justice served by taking that action outweigh the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial, given the need to protect the health and safety of defendants, their counsel, prosecutors, court staff, and the public by limiting the number of in-person hearings, and due to the inability of the Court to

ensure that a fair cross-section of jurors would be available for a large number of jury trials during the specified time;

**SO ORDERED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney W. Sippel", written over a horizontal line.

Rodney W. Sippel  
Chief United States District Judge