

**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:

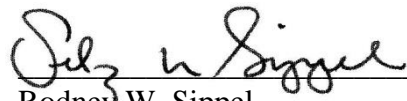
1. This Court recognizes that it is required under Sections 15002(b)(3)(A) and (B) of the CARES Act to review its prior findings and authorizations no later than ninety (90) days after its initial Order or any subsequent renewal. In the interest of public health and safety, this Court must continue to take precautionary measures to limit in-person appearances to the extent allowed by law, whenever possible as directed by the presiding judge in the case.

2. This Court hereby renews in this Order its findings and authorizations from its [Order In Re: Case Operations dated May 29, 2020](#) and its [Order In Re: Case Operations dated July 30, 2020](#) for all criminal procedures specifically enumerated in both Section 15002(b)(1) and Section 15002(b)(2) of the CARES Act, through November 27, 2020;

3. Jury trials may continue to commence in any Division of this District, 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;

4. Therefore in criminal cases, the Court finds that the time period of any continuance entered from the date of this Order through November 27, 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 1st day of September, 2020.



Rodney W. Sippel
Chief United States District Judge