



Other criminal proceedings scheduled, or to be scheduled, between July 6 through August 1, 2020, shall not be continued unless canceled or rescheduled by the Presiding Judge.

5. Individual judges presiding over criminal proceedings may take such actions as may be lawful and appropriate to ensure the fairness of the proceedings and preserve the rights of the parties.
6. Due to the Court's reduced ability to obtain an adequate spectrum of jurors and the above-referenced public health considerations associated with criminal jury trials and grand jury proceedings, the time period of the continuances implemented by this Standing Order will be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The Court finds that the ends of justice served by ordering these continuances outweigh the best interest of the public and defendants in a speedy trial, as well as the interest of defendants in a timely indictment. The Court may extend the period of exclusion as circumstances may warrant.
7. To the extent possible, judges should stagger their court hearings to minimize the number of people coming into the courthouses, enforce the Court's current face coverings/masks order (see Misc. No. 3:20-mc-00176-RBH), and enforce social distancing during court proceedings.
8. This order does not affect the Court's consideration of civil or criminal motions that can be resolved without court appearance.
9. The Probation Office shall remain open unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
10. Regarding the District Clerk's Office, the Court hereby incorporates the provisions of its March 31, 2020 Standing Order In Re: District Clerk's Office Operations in Response to COVID-19 (see Misc. No. 3:20-mc-00122-RBH).

The Court will vacate or amend this Standing Order as necessary and appropriate.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 26 day of June, 2020.

  
R. Bryan Harwell  
Chief United States District Judge