

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINES
IN PRIOR STANDING ORDERS**

**ADM-1
ORDER 20-21**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In support of this order, the court adopts and incorporates the findings made in Standing Order ADM-1, Order 20-5: Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19. In addition to those findings, the court further finds that since the first announced case in New Hampshire on March 2, 2020, the state has reported 5,364 confirmed cases of COVID-19. So far, 326 deaths have been attributed to the disease in this state. Further, in New Hampshire approximately 3,600 people are being monitored for signs of COVID-19 infection, over 83,801 people have been tested, and community-based transmission has been confirmed. Nationally, the number of confirmed cases has grown to over 2,209,260 with 119,161 cases resulting in death.

Given the continued escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic, the court extends the following deadlines:

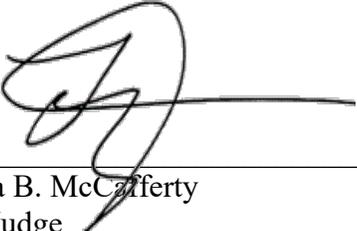
1. With the exception of grand jury proceedings, all deadlines contained in ADM-1, 20-5, which were extended to July 1, 2020, are further extended to August 1, 2020.
2. For all district court civil and criminal hearings scheduled before August 1, 2020, the presiding judge has the discretion to continue and/or reschedule those hearings to occur by teleconference, videoconference, or in-court hearing at the Rudman Courthouse.
3. The court will consider a request by the United States Attorney to convene the grand jury.
4. All persons in public areas, elevators, bathrooms and courtrooms for an in-court hearing or a grand jury session, shall at all times wear a face covering or mask that covers their noses and mouths. The court will provide a face covering/mask for those seeking entry who do not have their own covering. For grand jury proceedings, the United States Attorney shall petition the court to obtain permission for any individual to deviate from the requirement to wear face covering/mask. For in-court hearings, the presiding judge may permit the removal of a face covering/mask for the purpose of facilitating a hearing or otherwise promoting the functioning and effective operation of a court proceeding. If any person entering the Rudman Courthouse has a “medical condition” that makes it unsafe to wear a face covering/mask, the presiding judge may make an exception to the face covering requirement.

5. All persons entering the Rudman Courthouse shall maintain a six foot distance between themselves and others at all times.
6. The procedural orders for in-court hearings (ADM-1, 20-6) and videoconference and telephonic hearings (ADM-1, 20-7) are extended to August 1, 2020.
7. Having reviewed the authorization to conduct video and telephonic conferencing pursuant to the CARES Act (ADM-1, 20-12), and finding that emergency conditions caused by COVID-19 continue to exist, the court extends this authorization for an additional 90 days. If emergency conditions continue to exist 90 days from the entry of this order, the court will again review this authorization and determine whether to extend it.

This order shall take effect immediately. Except as stated herein, all existing Standing Orders remain in full force and effect.

SO ORDERED.

Date: June 17, 2020



Landya B. McCafferty
Chief Judge