

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

**COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
BY COVID-19**

**ADM-1
ORDER 22-7**

ORDER

The World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to declare COVID-19 to be a global pandemic. The CDC and other health authorities also continue to provide guidance on how to reduce the possibility of exposure to COVID-19 and to slow the spread of the disease. Lastly, the court continues to find that the emergency conditions caused by COVID-19 continue to exist. However, due to the recent reduction in community transmission levels in New Hampshire, as well as improvements in the prevention and treatment of COVID-19, the court has reviewed its current protocols and issues the following order:

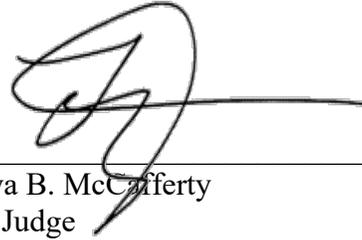
1. The following orders are vacated:
 - (a) ADM-1, 20-26, Order Clarifying Speedy Trial Act Findings in Response to Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19;
 - (b) ADM-1, 20-27, Order Re: Protocol Governing In-Court Proceedings Due to Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19;
 - (c) ADM 1, 21-10, Protocol Mandating Detention Facilities to Screen Detainees Before Transporting to the Rudman Courthouse;
 - (d) ADM 1, 21-14, Order on Civil Jury Trials and Mediations; and
 - (e) ADM 1, 21-18 Order on Public Access to Rudman Courthouse and District Court Clerk's Office.
2. The remainder of this order supersedes ADM-1, 20-25, Court Operations Under the Exigent Circumstances Created by COVID-19, and takes effect immediately.
3. The presiding judge has the discretion to schedule a criminal hearing to occur by teleconference/videoconference with defendant's consent, or by an in-court hearing at the Rudman Courthouse as safety and health considerations allow.
4. Until further notice, criminal complaints, applications for search warrants, and applications for other warrants shall be submitted electronically pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1.
5. The presiding judge has the discretion to schedule a civil hearing to occur by teleconference/videoconference or by an in-court hearing at the Rudman Courthouse as safety and health considerations allow.

6. The presiding judge has the discretion to require case participants and persons within the courtroom to wear a mask that covers their noses and mouths. The court will provide a mask for those who do not have their own. A presiding judge who requires masking may also permit removal of masks by case participants who obtain a negative result from a rapid test administered by the court.

7. The presiding judge has the discretion to require case participants and persons within the courtroom to maintain a six-foot distance between themselves and others.

SO ORDERED.

Date: March 31, 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. McCafferty', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Landya B. McCafferty
Chief Judge