

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

3:20-MC-9

EXTENSION OF STANDING ORDER

On March 27, 2020, Congress authorized, and the President of the United States signed, the CARES Act in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 29, 2020, the Judicial Conference of the United States found, “pursuant to the 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.”¹ On April 2, 2020, this Court entered a Standing Order [3], which specifically found that “most criminal court proceedings, including all those enumerated in the Act, and felony pleas and sentencings, cannot be conducted in person anywhere in the District without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety.” [3]. The Standing Order [3] made other specific findings, as required by the CARES Act.

The Standing Order [3] was set to remain in effect “for 90 days unless terminated earlier.” The 90-day period will lapse on July 1, 2020. However, the Court hereby specifically finds that the same emergency conditions continue to exist in this District. The Standing Order [3] is therefore extended for an additional 90 days beginning on July 2, 2020 unless terminated earlier. All terms of the Standing Order [3] shall remain in place during this extended time period. The Court will review this authorization and determine whether to extend it further if emergency conditions continue.

It is SO ORDERED, on this the 29th day of June, 2020.

/s/ Sharion Aycock
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ See Director’s Memo from James C. Duff to All United States Judges March 29, 2020.