

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2021-5

PANDEMIC RELATED CURTAILED OPERATIONS

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The following specific provisions of Administrative Order 2021-4 are amended as follows:

2. Court Operations

Civil and criminal trials (bench and jury) may be held. All scheduling is within the sound discretion of the presiding Judge.

All in-court civil evidentiary hearings and other in-court hearings and proceedings requiring personal appearances, on the dockets of the United States District Court and the United States Bankruptcy Court, may be held. All scheduling is within the sound discretion of the presiding Judge.

In-court re-arraignments and sentencing hearings may be held. All scheduling is within the sound discretion of the presiding Judge.

The authority to hold in-person trials, hearings and other in-court proceedings does not in any way limit the discretion of the presiding Judge to conduct all or part of any proceedings by video conference or telephone conference as previously authorized by the Court and by the CARES Act.

Grand Jury proceedings may be held with observance of the Court's COVID-19 protocols.

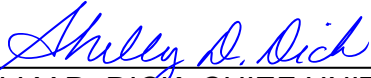
All employees and persons having business in the Russell B. Long Federal Building and United States Courthouse and the United States Bankruptcy Court shall be required to wear masks when in any public space in the buildings, shall observe physical distancing, and shall observe all posted signs and placards, regardless of vaccination status.

Court Unit Executives (CUE) and judicial officers shall make operational decisions regarding the means and manner of the operations of their respective units and chambers, including but not limited to employee telework and decisions regarding mask wearing and physical distancing of staff within CUE offices and chambers. The Court and CUEs may require proof of vaccination as may be deemed appropriate to protect the health and safety of unvaccinated employees and others.

The amended provisions of this Order supersede all previously issued Pandemic Related Curtailed Operations Orders and shall remain in effect until further Order of this Court or until rescinded.

SO ORDERED on July 22, 2021

FOR THE COURT:



SHELLY D. DICK, CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA