

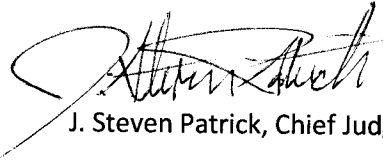
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-25 RE: EXTENDING ADMIN ORDERS 2020-06 AND 2020-07 AND COURT OPERATIONS

In light of the significant increase in positive COVID-19 cases throughout the district and the known outbreaks of COVID-19 within correction facilities and jails throughout the State and, further, in light of the increase of positive case and the increased restrictions as counties within the district go into different stages on the public health dash board it is necessary to reimplement Administrative Orders 2020-06 and 2020-07 effective immediately.

Additionally, on a location by location basis, it is necessary to reduce the number of employees working in person, and potentially reduced hours courthouses are open to the public other than for essential functions as previously identified in other administrative orders. Judges are encouraged to conduct as many proceedings by phone or WebEx in order to minimize in person proceedings to the extent possible, subject to accommodating needs of parties in essential proceedings or in which in person is otherwise necessary for the proceedings. This Administrative Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect pending further order.

Dated and effective this the 13th day of November, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



J. Steven Patrick, Chief Judge

7th JD Judges
7th JD Clerks of Court
Chief Probation Officer
7th JD Public Defender
Jails