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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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U.S. DIST. COURT, WESTERN DIST. OKLA.
By _____, DEPUTY

IN RE: COURT OPERATION)
PROTOCOLS UNDER THE) G.O. 20-5.1
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED)
BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

ORDER

The Court hereby supplements its Limiting Exposure protocol set forth in Phase II of G.O. 20-5 to provide guidance for partial resumption of on-site operations by judges, chambers staff, and other Court employees.

Beginning June 1, 2020, judges and chambers staff may increase the frequency of their on-site operations as necessary to support an increased level of in-person proceedings, to include a gradual resumption of jury trials beginning July 2020.

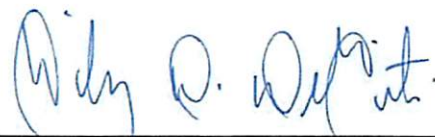
Judges are encouraged to rotate staff, stagger teleworking, and/or limit the presence of chambers staff to certain days of the week in order to limit their exposure and safeguard against conditions that could promote COVID-19 spread in the workplace. Chambers staff at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19 should be allowed the option of continuing to telework to the greatest extent possible. Judges should ensure that chambers staff practice appropriate social distancing, wear face coverings when appropriate or as required by General Order of the Court, and self-screen for symptoms each day before entering the courthouse. Each judge retains discretion to design protocols for his or her

chambers tailored to best support the work of chambers and to adequately adhere to precautionary guidelines from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and local authorities.

Court Clerks' and Probation Office employees will likewise adopt procedures to rotate staff, stagger teleworking, and/or limit the presence of staff to certain days of the week , as determined by the respective Court Unit Executive in consultation with the Chief Judge or his designee. Such procedures shall be designed to support the increased on-site operations of judges and chambers staff while adhering to precautionary guidelines from the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and local authorities.

The Court continues to adhere to the Enhanced Prevention Protocol in Phase I of G.O. 20-5, including enhanced cleaning and safety precautions, and screening of in-custody persons brought into the courthouse and members of the public seeking entrance. Except as altered by this supplementary General Order, all provisions of G.O. 20-5 remain in effect until further order of the Court.

ENTERED for the Court this 28th day of May, 2020.



TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI
Chief United States District Judge