

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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Update on court response  
to Coronavirus

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 367

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We've had a COVID-19 exposure in the courthouse last week. Those who were in close contact with the individual are now in quarantine. We will continue operations, but the courthouse is closed to the public effective immediately until November 23, 2020.

Because of continued high rates of COVID-19 infection in Dane County and in the district generally, the court will suspend civil and criminal jury trials effective immediately continuing through January 31, 2021.

As provided under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), any continuance entered as a result of this Order through January 31, 2021, shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, to serve the ends of justice. The court finds that the resulting delay outweighs the interests of the parties and the public in a speedy trial, given the need to protect the health and safety of defendants, defense counsel, prosecutors, court staff, and the public by reducing the number and size of in-person hearings to the greatest extent possible. The presiding judge in cases affected by this order shall enter any appropriate orders, including findings under the Speedy Trial Act, on the docket of the individual cases.

We will continue to conduct as many proceedings as possible by telephone or video teleconference. But, with the exception of jury trials, we will hold in-person proceedings if the proceeding is in the interest of justice, involves a limited number of participants who can be adequately separated in the courtroom, and does not otherwise pose a risk to case participants or the public.

Entered November 10, 2020.

BY THE COURT:

/s/  
JAMES D. PETERSON  
Chief District Judge