

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DIST. OHIO
EAST. DIV. COLUMBUS

In Re:

**FURTHER ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
ONGOING EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19**

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GENERAL ORDER NO. 21-17

In accordance with the July 7, 2021, recommendation of the Court’s Ad Hoc Committee on Gating Criteria, and as approved unanimously by the Court at a Judges’ meeting on July 13, 2021, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:


General Order 21-11 is amended to strike paragraph 2, which requires all jury trials, whether criminal or civil, to be held in courtrooms outfitted with plexiglass shielding.

Pursuant to the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation adopted by this Court:

1. Judicial Officers whose courtrooms are outfitted with plexiglass have the option to leave in place or remove the plexiglass.
2. Each presiding Judicial Officer has discretion with respect to the use of his or her own courtroom or a plexiglass outfitted courtroom for jury trials.
3. Non-jury proceedings may continue to be held in the individual Judicial Officer’s courtroom.
4. Social distancing should be encouraged in the courtroom regardless of vaccination status.

General Order 21-11, other than as amended herein, remains in full force and effect.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



ALGENON L. MARBLEY
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: July 16, 2021