



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

**PRESS RELEASE**

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The Honorable Algenon L. Marbley  
Chief Judge: (614) 719-3260

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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COURT OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

COLUMBUS, OH – In response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the Southern District of Ohio, the severity of risk posed to the public, the CDC’s mandate and the Governor’s declarations, and to ensure a healthy and safe work environment for our employees, the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio has taken significant preventative actions consistent with federal, state and city officials.

The Court will continue to have certain in-court proceedings, such as criminal calendars, but on a limited basis. The Court does not anticipate having any additional jury trials for the next thirty days. Non-in court proceedings will continue at the discretion of each Judicial Officer. Naturalization ceremonies have been continued for a period of 45 days which will be revisited no later than April 13, 2020. Until further notice, entrance protocols are in effect in all Courthouses.

All Courthouses shall remain open. Staff in the Clerk’s Office will be available by telephone, mail will be received, and intake desks remain open for filings. Electronic filing may still be made by the CM/ECF system. The public is encouraged to continue utilizing Court services while following applicable public health guidelines.

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio encompasses forty-eight urban and rural counties with seats of court in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Dayton.

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