

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**