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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT ARKANSAS

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER TWENTY-SIX

The virus-related circumstances continue to improve.* Winter is coming, and there is uncertainty about what COVID-19 has in store for us. But, in the meantime, the Court concludes that we can relax some of our mitigation measures.

Each presiding Judge will decide, case by case, whether to use several large spaces for trial-related proceedings or to resume a one-courtroom drill. Each person in the courthouse should use their own judgment about distancing, just as they have been doing about masking. And while we will continue staggering the start dates for trials insofar as practicable, the press of business requires some overlap. The Clerk of Court will continue to coordinate trial settings to minimize that overlap.

^{* &}lt;a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html">www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html and www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/novel-coronavirus

All the active and senior United States District Judges and United States Magistrate Judges for the Eastern District of Arkansas concur in this Administrative Order.

So Ordered.

D.P. Marshall Jr.

Chief Judge

27 October 2022