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In the Iowa Supreme Court

In the Matter of Ongoing Provisions For Coronavirus/COVID-19 Impact On Court Services	)))	**November 10, 2020**

The Iowa Judicial Branch continues to carefully monitor the public health situation relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, balancing the need to take measures to reduce the spread of the virus with its commitment to conducting business as necessary. Accordingly, the supreme court directs as follows pursuant to its available legal authority, including Article III, section 1 and Article V, sections 1 and 4 of the Iowa Constitution.

This order supplements other COVID-19-related supervisory orders currently in effect, including the orders dated:

- May 22, 2020
- July 9, 2020
- July 22, 2020
- July 29, 2020
- July 31, 2020
- September 1, 2020
- October 2, 2020.

To the extent there is any conflict between this order and any of those orders, the provisions of this order prevail.

The court notes the current high rate of COVID-19 positive tests in the state, and accordingly orders as follows.

1. **Jury trial postponement.** All jury trials that have not commenced as of November 16, 2020 (i.e., a jury has not been sworn in) and that are scheduled to begin before February 1, 2021 shall be continued to a date no earlier than February 1, 2021. Other than jury trials already in

progress, there will be no jury trials from November 16, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

2. **Rescheduling jury trials.** In rescheduling jury trials, the court shall use the case priorities in the supervisory order issued July 9, 2020 entitled "In the Matter of Prioritization of Cases and Duties."
3. **Speedy trial extension.** For any criminal case in which an indictment or information has been or is filed prior to February 1, 2021, and the *defendant is in custody*, the ninety-day deadline in rule 2.33(2)(*b*) and rule 2.33(2)(*c*) shall be expanded to 120 days, and shall be restarted with February 1, 2021 as Day 1. For any case in which an indictment or information has been or is filed prior to February 1, 2021, and the *defendant is not in custody*, the ninety-day deadline in rule 2.33(2)(b) and rule 2.33(2)(c) shall be expanded to 180 days, and shall be restarted with February 1, 2021 as Day 1. For any criminal case in which an indictment or information has been or is filed prior to February 1, 2021, the one-year deadline in rule 2.33(2)(*c*) shall commence from February 1, 2021 or the date of arraignment, whichever is later.
4. **Good cause**. In addition to the speedy trial extensions set forth in paragraph 3 above, the court finds the COVID-19 pandemic constitutes good cause within the meaning of Iowa R. Crim. P. 2.33 for any additional continuances or extensions of time necessitated by this order.
5. **Grand jury proceedings.** All grand jury proceedings shall be suspended until February 1, 2021.
6. **Iowa court rules.** The court temporarily suspends the operation of any Iowa Court Rules to the extent they are contrary to any provisions of this order.

7. **Other deadlines.** The court is evaluating forthcoming deadlines from prior COVID-19 related orders and will continue to monitor circumstances and update this order as necessary.

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By _____
Susan Larson Christensen, Chief Justice

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