

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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IN RE:  
COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT  
CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY COVID-19

GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a national emergency, and the Governor of the State of Connecticut has declared a public health emergency throughout the State;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) outbreak, and has noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus, through, among other means, social distancing;

AND

WHEREAS, the Court continues to review its operations to identify measures that will help slow the spread of the virus by minimizing contact between persons, while at the same time preserving its core mission of serving the public through the fair and impartial administration of justice;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, **effective immediately and until further order of the Court**, that the United States Marshals Service shall screen, or arrange for screening of, each detainee who is scheduled to appear in the District of Connecticut to determine his or her body temperature. Such screening shall take place reasonably prior to each detainee's court appearance. If the temperature of a detainee is 100.4 or above, such detainee shall not be produced and the Court shall be notified immediately.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: March 16, 2020  
Bridgeport, CT

/s/ Stefan R. Underhill  
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Stefan R. Underhill  
Chief United States District Judge