

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS**

IN RE GRAND JURY	)	
PROCEEDINGS DUE TO	)	ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-5
COVID-19	)	

WHEREAS, this court has previously made findings in its earlier administrative orders about the effect of COVID-19, and in order to protect public health, to reduce the size of public gatherings, and reduce unnecessary travel, the United States District Court for the District of Kansas hereby orders that:

1. Effective immediately, all grand jury proceedings are suspended indefinitely beyond the 30 days referenced in Administrative Order 2020-3 (3) until such time at which the national emergency ends, or the date when the Judicial Conference of the United States finds that the federal courts are no longer materially affected, whichever is earlier pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, H.R. 748, 116th Cong. § 15002(b)(5) (2020).
2. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(b), if any individual is charged in this district with a felony during this period when grand jury proceedings are suspended, the period of time for presenting the case to the grand jury shall be extended an additional 30 days from the indictment deadline.
3. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), in computing the time within which an information or indictment must be filed, the period in which grand jury proceedings are suspended under this order shall be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act. The court specifically finds that the ends of justice served by the delay outweigh the best interests of the public and any defendant's right to a speedy trial.
4. If it is essential to convene a grand jury during the national emergency, the U.S. Attorney can move the court to convene grand jury proceedings for such matters. In that event, the U.S. Attorney's Office will work with the court to ensure a safe and secure means for the grand jury to meet in a manner that will protect the health and safety of grand jurors, witnesses, and essential participants and personnel.

SO ORDERED this 10th day of April 2020.

s/ Julie A. Robinson

JULIE A. ROBINSON, CHIEF JUDGE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT