

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: CLOSING OF THE :
SCRANTON DIVISION of the : **STANDING ORDER NO. 20-4**
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT :
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT :
OF PENNSYLVANIA :

STANDING ORDER

The Court having been informed of courthouse exposure by an individual currently displaying symptoms consistent with COVID-19, and that this individual was in the Scranton Courthouse as late as March 16, 2020, and to ensure to the extent possible, the health and safety of the public, jurors, grand jurors, court and agency staff and judicial officers, from further exposure to or spread of the disease;

With the concurrence of the judicial officers of the Middle District, the Facility Security Committee, and GSA, it is ORDERED that the United States Courthouse in Scranton, Pennsylvania is closed until Monday, March 30, 2020, absent any extenuating circumstances.

The United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania remains open for official business, but until further notice all Scranton Courthouse proceedings shall be transferred to either the Williamsport Courthouse or the Harrisburg Courthouse (reopening March 24, 2020) at the discretion of the judge to whom the matter is assigned.

s/ Christopher C. Conner
Christopher C. Conner, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Middle District of Pennsylvania

Dated: March 23, 2020