

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

IN RE: :
MEDIATIONS AND SETTLEMENT : GENERAL ORDER 2020-20
CONFERENCES IN PHASE TWO :
OF COURT'S RECOVERY PLAN :

ORDER

On July 1, 2020, the Middle District of Pennsylvania entered Phase Two of the reopening process as set forth in the attached COVID-19 Recovery Guidelines.

<https://www.pamd.uscourts.gov/sites/pamd/files/general-ordes/2020-017.pdf>.

AND NOW, THIS 1st DAY of JULY, 2020, IT IS ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. All judges, court staff, attorneys and participants in mediations and settlement conferences conducted in Middle District of Pennsylvania court facilities during Phase Two of the Middle District's plan for full recovery to court operations shall adhere to masking and social distancing protocols contained in said Guidelines;
2. In-person attendance requirements for mediations (M.D. Pa Local Rule 16.8.7) and Settlement Conferences (M.D. Pa Local Rule 16.9.4) are waived during Phase Two of the court's Covid-19 reopening process;
3. During Phase Two of the court's Covid-19 reopening process, requests to participate in mediations and settlement conferences

telephonically or by other electronic means shall be granted liberally by the judge or mediator assigned to conduct the proceeding.

BY THE COURT:

John E. Jones III

John E. Jones III, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Middle District of Pennsylvania