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

IN RE: REVISED COURT : STANDING ORDER 2021-10

OPERATIONS AND : RESUMPTION OF JURY TRIALS :

AND NOW, this 11th day of June, 2021, in consideration of amended guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") on May 13, 2021, as well as the increased COVID-19 vaccination rate of the population of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it is hereby ORDERED that court operations in this District are amended and revised as follow:

- 1. Use of Facial Coverings in Courthouses: Effective June 14, 2021, per CDC guidance, facial coverings are no longer required for fully vaccinated individuals. Facial coverings continue to be required for individuals who are not fully vaccinated.
- 2. Jurors: Notwithstanding the contents of Section 1, *supra*, all jurors shall wear a face mask at all times during jury service.
- 3. Physical Distancing: Effective June 14, 2021, physical distancing within the courthouses of this District is no longer required for fully vaccinated individuals. Per CDC guidance, physical distancing is recommended for all individuals who are not fully vaccinated.
- 4. Resumption of Trials: Effective June 28, 2021, criminal and civil jury trials scheduled in the Middle District of Pennsylvania may resume in the ordinary course, except that no two juries shall be selected on the same day in the same courthouse, so as to accommodate physical distancing in the jury selection rooms, as necessary. Non-jury trials may also resume in the ordinary course and may be conducted contemporaneously with civil and criminal jury trials.
- 5. The Plan for the Reinstitution of Jury Proceedings, as adopted by Standing Order 2020-22, as well as this Court's COVID-19 Recovery Guidelines, as adopted by Standing Order 2020-17, entered on June 17, 2020 and as amended on July 9, 2020 are hereby rescinded and retired.
- 6. Standing Orders 2020-14, 2020-17, 2020-22, and 2020-25 are hereby vacated. **SO ORDERED:**

s/ John E. Jones IIIJohn E. Jones III, Chief JudgeUnited States District CourtMiddle District of Pennsylvania