

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
EUREKA DIVISION

SUPPLEMENTAL STANDING ORDER OF MAGISTRATE JUDGE ROBERT M. ILLMAN DURING THE COVID-19
EMERGENCY
(MAY 29, 2020)

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of General Order 72-3¹, the court issues the following supplemental standing order:

1. With regard to the undersigned's General Standing Order, all provisions remain in effect with the following additions and modifications:
 - (a) With respect to the location of all civil hearings, all hearings will be conducted by telephone or video conference using the Zoom platform, instructions for which will be posted on the docket or emailed to the parties once the hearing has been set.
 - (b) With respect to chambers' copies of motions and proposed orders, all parties are hereby relieved of mailing chambers' copies until further notice. Indeed, no mail is currently being accepted at the McKinleyville courthouse. Instead, the parties are directed to email *only* copies of proposed orders (in MS Word format) to rmipo@cand.uscourts.gov. In addition, *pro se* litigants with computer access are reminded that they may now register to become users of the court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system and file documents electronically without first obtaining the undersigned's permission.²
 - (c) With respect to the in-person meet and confer requirement prior to the filing of discovery letters and motions, all parties are hereby relieved of the in-person meeting requirement. The parties must still meet and confer by telephone or other means and must certify such in writing.
2. With regard to settlement conferences, all settlement conferences will be conducted by either telephone or using the Zoom platform. The parties should discuss these options amongst themselves and advise the court as to how they would like to proceed. The court will then provide instructions on how to participate.

¹ The full text of which can be found here: https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/wp-content/uploads/general-orders/GO_72-3_5-21-2020.pdf

² Further information can be found here: <https://www.cand.uscourts.gov/notices/pro-se-litigants-with-computer-access-now-able-to-e-file-without-first-seeking-permission/>