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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 IN RE:) ORDER OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
11) 20-179
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13) CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC
14) EMERGENCY
15) ACTIVATION OF CONTINUITY OF
16) OPERATIONS PLAN

17 WHEREAS, in March of this year, the President of the United States declared a
18 national emergency and the Governor of the State of California declared a state of
19 emergency in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic—
20 both declarations remain in effect;

21 WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public
22 health authorities have advised the taking of precautions to slow the spread of COVID-
23 19, including limiting close face-to-face contact with others and reducing the size of
24 in-person gatherings;

25 WHEREAS, the Court has issued General Orders regarding the COVID-19
26 pandemic public emergency, implementing temporary emergency procedures;

27 WHEREAS, since the Court implemented those emergency procedures, there
28 recently has been an unprecedented surge of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and
test positivity rates in the Central District;

1 division in the normal course of business. In other criminal matters, all
2 appearances will be by telephone or video conference.

- 3 • Jury trials remain suspended.
- 4 • All regularly scheduled grand jury proceedings are suspended and grand
5 jurors will not otherwise be required to report for service or to call in to
6 the United States Attorney's Office for reporting purposes during the
7 period for which grand jury proceedings are suspended.
- 8 • The Bankruptcy Court will issue separate guidance.
- 9 • Chambers staff will be directed to telework except as otherwise directed
10 by their assigned judicial officer. The Clerk of Court will implement a
11 telework policy for the staff of the Clerk's Office and the Probation and
12 Pretrial Services Office at her discretion.

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14 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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17 Date: December 7, 2020



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20 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE