

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

**In Re: ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
CONCERNING COURT OPERATIONS
RELATED TO COVID-19 (NATURALIZATION
CEREMONIES)**

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 21-15**

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In response to the then-emerging COVID-19 pandemic, the Court on March 20, 2020 entered General Order 20-03, postponing all naturalization ceremonies scheduled through May 1, 2020. On April 17, 2020, the Court entered General Order 20-09, again postponing all naturalization ceremonies scheduled through May 29, 2020. On May 27, 2020, the Court issued General Order 20-11, postponing all naturalization ceremonies scheduled through September 30, 2020. Finally, on September 25, 2020, the Court entered General Order 20-21 suspending all naturalization ceremonies scheduled in the Western District of Kentucky until further Order of the Court.

Though COVID-19 and its Delta variant continue to be present within the Commonwealth, roughly 51% of Kentucky's total population, and 61% of those 18 years of age and older, have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine¹. On April 19, 2021, the Court conducted its first of several jury trials of the calendar year without incident and has largely resumed a normal operational posture while continuing to observe all health and safety protocols promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and by the Commonwealth of Kentucky.


While the Court shall continue to limit large public gatherings, in an effort to balance the various interests implicated by the suspension of naturalization ceremonies, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that naturalization ceremonies within the Western District of Kentucky may resume subject to such restrictions as the presiding judge determines are advisable given existing local public health conditions.

This Order supersedes General Order 20-21.

DATED: July 20, 2021


Greg N. Stivers, Chief Judge
United States District Court

¹ [Kentucky COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard](#), TEAM KENTUCKY, (Updated 7/19/2021)

ENTERED
JAMES J. VILT JR., CLERK
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