

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

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

**GENERAL ORDER
NO. 20-21**

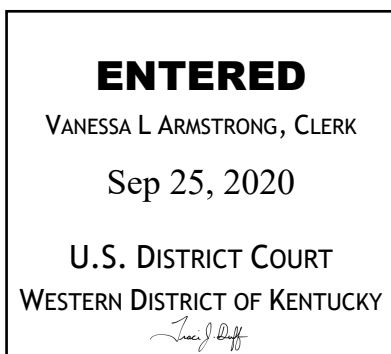
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In response to the then-emerging COVID-19 pandemic, on March 20, 2020, the Court entered General Order 20-03, postponing all naturalization ceremonies scheduled through May 1, 2020. On April 17, 2020, the Court entered General Order 20-09, again postponing 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.

Because the Court concludes that large public gatherings such as naturalization ceremonies continue to pose a risk to the health and safety of ceremony participants, the public and Court staff, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

1. All naturalization ceremonies scheduled in the Western District of Kentucky are **SUSPENDED** until further Order of the Court.
2. Pursuant to the authority granted by 8 U. S. C. § 1448, the Court will continue to consider the requests of individuals in need of an expedited administration of a judicial oath of citizenship. Such requests will be granted upon a demonstration of sufficient cause and will be administered as appropriate, consistent with public health and safety.
3. During this temporary period of suspension, and pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1421, the Attorney General of the United States, acting through the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, may administer the Oath of Allegiance to all applicants for naturalizations residing in the Western District of Kentucky.

DATED: September 25, 2020




Greg N. Stivers, Chief Judge
United States District Court