

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**GENERAL ORDER 20-3
MARCH 13, 2020**

IN RE: CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC EMERGENCY

ORDER CONCERNING GRAND JURY PROCEEDINGS

SAYLOR, C.J.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a public health emergency throughout the state in response to the spread of the coronavirus and COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other public health authorities have advised the taking of precautions to reduce the possibility of exposure to the virus and slow the spread of the disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to protect public health, and in order to reduce the size of public gatherings and reduce unnecessary travel, the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts hereby issues the following order:

1. Effective immediately, and except as set forth below, all regularly scheduled grand jury proceedings in this District are continued to April 27, 2020, pending further Order of this Court;
2. The U.S. Attorney may schedule grand jury proceedings for emergency or essential matters.
3. Grand jurors will continue their current and normal practice to call in each Friday after 5:00 p.m. to the number provided to them by the U.S. Attorney to receive the recorded message informing them whether or not they must appear for grand jury service the following week.

So Ordered.

Dated: March 13, 2020



F. Dennis Saylor IV
Chief Judge, United States District Court