

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MARSHALL DIVISION**

**ORDER VACATING
STANDING ORDERS**

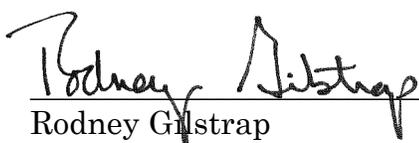
In response to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, this Court previously entered the following: (1) Standing Order dated March 3, 2020 Regarding The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and (2) Standing Order dated April 20, 2020 Regarding Pretrial Procedures in Civil Cases Assigned to Chief District Judge Rodney Gilstrap During the Present COVID-19 Pandemic. These Standing Orders impose certain precautions and procedures, designed to mitigate public health risks associated with COVID-19, at the Sam B. Hall, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse in Marshall, Texas (the Marshall Division Courthouse).

In recent months, COVID vaccines have been widely distributed across the Eastern District of Texas and the United States, and the COVID-related precautionary guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have substantially changed. Given these and related developments in the local, regional, and national response to COVID-19, (1) Standing Order dated March 3, 2020 Regarding The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and (2) Standing Order dated April 20, 2020 Regarding Pretrial Procedures in Civil Cases Assigned to Chief District Judge Rodney Gilstrap During the Present COVID-19 Pandemic are hereby **VACATED**. Notwithstanding the above, all persons entering the Marshall Division

Courthouse will be permitted to wear masks if they so choose, but the procedures and precautions otherwise imposed by (1) Standing Order dated March 3, 2020 Regarding The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and (2) Standing Order dated April 20, 2020, Regarding Pretrial Procedures in Civil Cases Assigned to Chief District Judge Rodney Gilstrap During the Present COVID-19 Pandemic are terminated effective immediately.

The clerk's office is instructed to remove any signage posted under (1) Standing Order dated March 3, 2020 Regarding The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and (2) Standing Order dated April 20, 2020 Regarding Pretrial Procedures in Civil Cases Assigned to Chief District Judge Rodney Gilstrap During the Present COVID-19 Pandemic and to remove any publicly posted copies of these Orders from the Marshall Division Courthouse and the court's website.

So **ORDERED** this 6th day of July, 2021.



Rodney Gilstrap
Chief United States District Judge