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Subject: Courtroom 4 COVID-19 Procedures

In light of the continuing pandemic and the expectation that the courthouse will fully open in the near future, please be advised as to the courtroom procedure for courtroom 4.

Through my secretary Becky, we will continue to utilize remote technology like Zoom as much as possible. Becky will be reaching out when possible to coordinate these efforts. You may also utilize phone contact. Make sure to consult with your clients to obtain their consent for procedures that do not permit remote technology per the Rules of Criminal Procedure.

For in person hearings please let Becky know. We will keep the schedule as is but may need time before each hearing to sanitize. We will do our best but we may solicit you to help by at least wiping down your table and chair before leaving. It will be a team effort including myself and staff. Unfortunately we have no other option.

I will be marking my courtroom according to distancing rules. I will have taped distances and with the help of maintenance will be moving the counsel tables and maybe even the benches to replace with chairs. The same will be true with respect to the hallway outside of my courtroom.

Also, masks will generally be required but may be removed for the purposes of properly proceeding, such as taking testimony.

As for jury trials, I have not yet finalized the process. The Supreme Court is reviewing options. We will be proceeding with jury trials but I expect they will take more time.

Any questions, please contact Becky or myself. Thank you and be well.

Judge Marc Lovecchio