

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE: :
: **STANDING ORDER**
ELECTRONIC FILING OF :
COMPLAINTS IN CIVIL CASES :

In light of the recent outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and in keeping with the guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and State and local public health authorities, including the recommendation to avoid large in-person gatherings, the Court issues the following Standing Order, effective immediately:

1. The restrictions set forth in Local Civil Rule 5.1.2, subsection 2(b), stating that initial papers in civil cases cannot be electronically filed by counsel are suspended. Attorneys may electronically file complaints using the Eastern District of Pennsylvania CM/ECF system and are strongly discouraged from filing these documents in hard copy at this time.
2. Attorneys are advised to review the Guide for Opening a Civil Case and Filing a Civil Complaint, available on the Court's website and ECF homepage.
3. This Standing Order will expire no later than April 13, 2020, unless extended by further Court order.



Juan R. Sanchez
Chief Judge

Date: March 17, 2020