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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF MISSISSIPPI

No. 2021-AD-00001-SCT

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***IN RE: EMERGENCY ORDER RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)***

**EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER-22**

From the onset of the national and state emergencies created by Coronavirus (COVID-19) in March 2020, the Court has issued a series of Emergency Administrative Orders to address the changing circumstances and the evolving guidance provided by health authorities. In these Orders, the Court has sought to properly balance individual rights, public health and safety, and the constitutional requirement that Mississippi state courts remain open and accessible. *See* Miss. Const. art. 3, §§ 24-25.

The most recent Order (Emergency Administrative Order-21 filed on August 5, 2021) allowed individual trial judges to postpone jury trials through September 10 and provided that juror summonses should not be returnable prior to September 13, 2021. Because there has been no discernible reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases reported daily by the Mississippi Department of Health since Emergency Administrative Order-21 was filed, in my capacity as chief administrative officer of all courts in the state, I find that Emergency Administrative Order-21 should be extended by the following provisions.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:**

1. Individual judges have the discretion to postpone jury trials scheduled through Friday, October 8, 2021.

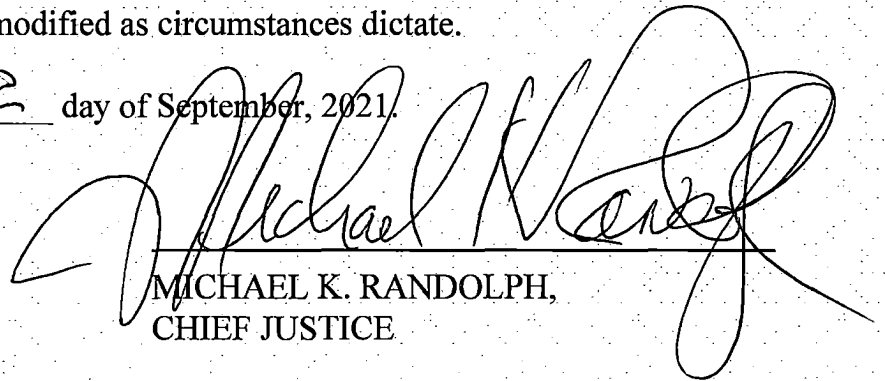
2. Individual judges have the discretion to instruct their clerks that jury summonses should not be sent to jurors that would be returnable to any date prior to Monday, October 11, 2021.

3. Individual judges presiding over drug-intervention courts are authorized to modify the scheduling of drug testing and home-supervision visits as they see fit through Friday, October 8, 2021.

4. All other provisions of Emergency Administrative Order-21 remain in effect.

5. This Order may be modified as circumstances dictate.

SO ORDERED, this the 2 day of September, 2021.



MICHAEL K. RANDOLPH,  
CHIEF JUSTICE