

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
IMMIGRATION COURT
FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

STANDING ORDER OF THE FORT SNELLING COURT

**Second Standing Order: (April 7, 2020) – Video Teleconferencing
due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Effective immediately, Video Teleconferencing (VTC) will be utilized for all detained hearings, unless Respondent's appearance is waived in accordance with 8 C.F.R. § 1003.25.

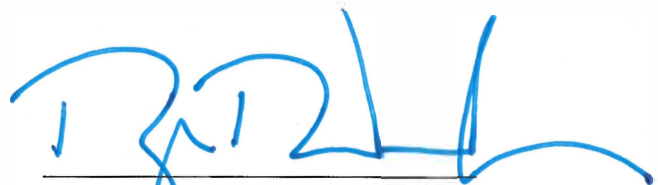
Parties are strongly encouraged to meet remotely, confer, reach stipulations, and to limit hearings to contested matters. Further, parties should submit affidavits or written statements in lieu of witnesses appearing.

Filing deadlines for detained matters remain in effect. Same-day filings are strongly discouraged. Subject to the discretion of the Immigration Judge, with good cause, same-day filings will only be allowed at the front window or sent via email to *FortSnelling.Immigration.Court@USDOJ.GOV*.

Starting April 9, 2020, all detained hearings will take place in Courtrooms 2 and 5. Parties may appear in person or telephonically with prior notice to the Court in accordance with the Standing Order dated March 26, 2020. Judges will appear via VTC from a co-located, closed courtroom. All hearing notices and written orders will be served by mail.

The public galleries will be limited to eight numbered seats. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.27(a). All attorneys and family members must check-in at the front window.

This order remains in effect while published on the EOIR Operational Status website: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/eoir-operational-status-during-coronavirus-pandemic>



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