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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

IN RE: COVID-19 GENERAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

GENERAL ORDER 23-02
FIRST AMENDMENT

ORDER

On April 18, 2023, the Court entered General Order 23-02 in response to developments pertaining to COVID-19. Paragraph (1) of that Order stated, “until further notice any juror who is exposed to COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19 at any time within ten days prior to jury service must not report for service but instead must contact the jury office at 404-215-1640 for further instructions.” The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have since released new guidance that treats COVID-19 the same as other respiratory viruses and states that one can return to normal activities when, for at least 24 hours, symptoms are getting better overall and the person has not had a fever (and is not using fever-reducing medication).

Given this guidance, the Court finds that it no longer is necessary to prevent jurors from serving when they are exposed to or test positive for COVID-19 within 10 days prior to jury service. Therefore, General Order 23-02 is hereby **AMENDED** by deleting the following sentence: “However, until further notice any juror who is exposed to COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19 at any time within ten days prior to jury service must not report for service but instead must contact the jury

office at 404-215-1640 for further instructions.” All other provisions of General Order 23-02 remain in full force and effect. As always, jurors should not report for jury duty if they are sick and instead should contact the jury office at 404-215-1640.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of April 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy C. Batten, Sr.", written over a horizontal line.

TIMOTHY C. BATTEN, SR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE