

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
20-01

On April 7, 2020, the Court posted a notice on the Court's website permitting non-prisoner pro se litigants to file documents by submission to a designated email box. Clerk's office staff continued to process other incoming and outgoing pro se mail on-site at the Court's headquarters in the Potter Stewart Courthouse in Cincinnati, Ohio. On April 22, 2020, the Potter Stewart Courthouse was temporarily and indefinitely closed, for all purposes, by order of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. Court staff no longer has access to facilities to process incoming mail and has limited ability to process outgoing mail. It further appears that, in light of high levels of COVID-19 infections among inmates and facility personnel, many correctional facilities may be unable to process incoming and outgoing mail that affect prisoners' ability to receive notices from and send documents to the Court in a timely manner.

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED that, in all cases involving pro se litigants, all filing dates and other deadlines set out in the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Court's Local Rules and I.O.P.s, and the Court's orders and scheduling documents are extended or tolled, as may be appropriate, by 24 days from the original deadline. This extension is effective for any deadline between today and May 17, 2020. Notwithstanding this extension, a judge or panel, by order issued after April 23, 2020, may direct a filing date that is not within the scope of this order. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 2.

It is further ORDERED that until June 1, 2020, any documents sent to the Court electronically by pro se litigants to the email box designated by the Clerk of Court will be accepted

as any other electronic filing. Fed. R. App. P. 25(a)(2)(B). Entry on the docket by the clerk will be considered to be adequate service on other electronic filers pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 25(c)(2). Section 10.1 of this Court's Guide to Electronic Filing is hereby suspended until June 1, 2020.

With regard to filing dates for counsel, all filing deadlines remain in place.

The due date for a notice of appeal, petition for review, or other document that confers jurisdiction on the Court is not affected by this order. The filing dates for those papers remain as stated in the statute or rule that confers jurisdiction. Until May 17, 2020, the date of the United States Postal Service postmark stamped on the envelope in which such filing was mailed shall be deemed the filing date. For purposes of incarcerated pro se litigants, the date the pro se litigant deposits the mail with prison officials will be deemed the filing date.

Entered this 23rd day of April, 2020.

/s/ R. Guy Cole, Jr.
Chief Circuit Judge