

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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IN RE: ORDER GRANTING EXTENSIONS General Order No. 20-8  
OF TIME IN PRISONER CASES INVOLVING  
THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE DUE TO  
COVID-19

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**GENERAL PUBLIC ORDER GRANTING THE STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE'S *EX PARTE* MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF  
TIME DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

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The Wisconsin Department of Justice has asked the court for an order staying deadlines in open civil cases brought by plaintiffs who are or were previously incarcerated by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (“Wisconsin DOC Inmates”) and relate to prison litigation in which the DOJ currently represents at least one of the defendants.

For the reasons in the State of Wisconsin’s *Ex Parte* Motion for Extension of Time Due to Extraordinary Circumstances, the court **GRANTS** the motion and orders as follows:

1. In civil cases brought in the federal court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin by Wisconsin DOC Inmates, all deadlines are **STAYED** to the extent that those deadlines fall within the time period that the Governor’s Safer at Home order is in effect; such deadlines are **EXTENDED** until forty-five (45) days after Governor Evers’ Safer at Home Order is lifted or expires.

2. In civil cases brought in the federal court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin by Wisconsin DOC Inmates, all deadlines are **STAYED** to the extent

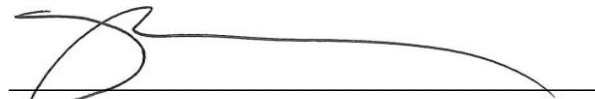
that those deadlines are within fifteen (15) days after the date the Governor's Safer at Home order is lifted or expires; such deadlines are **EXTENDED** until thirty (30) days after Governor Evers' Safer at Home Order is lifted or expired.

3. The court **ORDERS** that if, between March 13, 2020 and the date of this order, parties have sought and received stays or extensions in specific cases, this order does not apply. Parties who have sought and received stays or extensions in open civil cases brought by Wisconsin DOC Inmates and relate to prison litigation in which the DOJ currently represents at least one of the defendants between March 13, 2020 and the date of this order must abide by the ruling of the judge in the particular case.

To facilitate informing inmate parties of this order without filing the motion and entering this order in each of the pending cases brought by incarcerated individuals, the court **ORDERS** that the Wisconsin Department of Justice will mail a copy of this order and the accompanying motion to all Wisconsin DOC Inmates who have an open case in which the DOJ currently represents at least one of the defendants. The court **ORDERS** that the mailing must take place within three business days of the entry of this order.

Dated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 9th day of April, 2020.

**BY THE COURT:**



**HON. PAMELA PEPPER**  
**Chief United States District Judge**