

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

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FILED  
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In Re: Order Authorizing the Attorney General  
or Designee to Conduct Naturalization Ceremonies

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 91**

The COVID-19 emergency has required the temporary suspension of the naturalization ceremonies traditionally conducted by the judges of the court.

The court revokes any prior order establishing its exclusive jurisdiction over naturalization ceremonies within the District of Vermont. The court orders that authority to conduct naturalization ceremonies is now shared by the District of Vermont and the Attorney General or his designee.

Pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1421(b)(1)(A), each applicant for naturalization may choose to have the oath of allegiance administered by the Attorney General or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services as designee or by a judge of this court. Consistent with safe health practices, the court will continue to schedule naturalization ceremonies. USCIS may also administer the oath of allegiance in its own naturalization ceremonies.

This order shall remain in effect until further order of the court.

Dated at Burlington, in the District of Vermont, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.



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Geoffrey W. Crawford  
Chief Judge