

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS

VACCINE GENERAL ORDER

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On March 2, 2026, The Chief Judge of the Court of Federal Claims entered a General Order restricting electronic access to sealed and restricted documents. The Order is the product of a judiciary-wide policy to which all federal courts must adhere. That policy, however, could have especially burdensome impact on Vaccine Program litigants, since almost all filings served on parties in Vaccine Act cases involve personal/private medical issues, and therefore the parties to Vaccine Act cases will be potentially impacted by the new service requirements.

Primary Vaccine Program constituents have asked for a pause that would allow them the chance to evaluate the impact of this filing/service policy change, and I concur such action is in the interests of justice and the Vaccine Program. Accordingly, in light of these new procedures, including related changes to the service of documents, all **non-statutory deadlines** in vaccine cases are hereby suspended until March 5, 2026. (This Order shall not apply to deadlines associated with motions for review, or deadlines set in a matter presently before the Court or Federal Circuit).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Brian H. Corcoran

Brian H. Corcoran
Chief Special Master