

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: VIDEO TELECONFERENCING
FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
EXTENDED THROUGH JUNE 21,
2021.

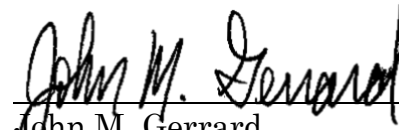
GENERAL ORDER NO. 2021-03

The national emergency declared as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic remains in effect, and continues to materially affect the functioning of the Court. The Court has resumed many in-court proceedings, and is encouraged by progress in vaccinating court staff and members of the Court's bar. Nonetheless, due particularly to risks associated with the housing and transportation of federal prisoners, it is still not possible to conduct all proceedings in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety, and remains necessary to conduct proceedings remotely when the interests of justice require it. Accordingly,

1. The authority conferred by [General Order 2020-07](#) to conduct proceedings by video teleconference, or by telephone conference if video conferencing is not reasonably available, is extended through June 21, 2021.
2. The Court specifically finds, based on the risk of COVID-19 transmission in correctional facilities and the community, that there are in this district some felony pleas under [Fed. R. Crim. P. 11](#) and some felony sentencings under [Fed. R. Crim. P. 32](#) that cannot be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety.
3. The Court will vacate, extend, or amend this General Order no later than June 21, 2021.

Dated this 23rd day of March, 2021.

BY THE COURT:



John M. Gerrard
Chief United States District Judge