

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: VIDEO TELECONFERENCING  
FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXTENDED THROUGH  
DECEMBER 14, 2021.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2021-08

The national emergency declared by the President as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic remains in effect, and the Judicial Conference of the United States has found that it continues to materially affect the functioning of the federal courts. [Continuation of the National Emergency Concerning the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19 Pandemic\)](#), 86 Fed. Reg. 11599 (Feb. 25, 2021) (citing [Proclamation No. 9994](#), 85 Fed. Reg. 15,337 (Mar. 13, 2020)); Memorandum from the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts to all United States Judges (Mar. 11, 2021) (on file with the Administrative Office of the United States Courts). The effects of the pandemic admittedly seem to be easing, and the Court has resumed normal operations in many respects. But due particularly to risks associated with the housing and transportation of federal prisoners, it still remains necessary to conduct proceedings remotely when the interests of justice require it. Accordingly,

1. The authority conferred by [General Order 2021-05](#) to conduct proceedings by video teleconference, or by telephone conference if videoconferencing is not reasonably available, is extended through December 14, 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 December 14, 2021.

Dated this 15th day of September 2021.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.  
Chief United States District Judge