

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: VIDEO TELECONFERENCING  
FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS  
EXTENDED THROUGH AUGUST 31,  
2022.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2022-05

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 \(COVID-19 Pandemic\)](#), 87 Fed. Reg. 10289 (Feb. 22, 2022) (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. 1, 2022) (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 2022-01](#) to conduct proceedings by video teleconference, or by telephone conference if video conferencing is not reasonably available, is extended through August 31, 2022.
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 August 31, 2022.

Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2022.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. Rossiter, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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