

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: VIDEO TELECONFERENCING
FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS
EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 23,
2021.


GENERAL ORDER NO. 2020-17

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. While the Court has resumed some in-court proceedings, it is not possible to conduct all proceedings in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. In particular, the Court notes that some members of its bench and bar have been required to self-quarantine, making them unable to appear in person, and that local correctional facilities housing federal prisoners have also been directly affected by the disease. It is, therefore, still 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 March 23, 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 March 23, 2021.

Dated this 23rd day of December, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



John M. Gerrard
Chief United States District Judge