

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

In Re: Teleconferencing in Criminal Matters
Pursuant To The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And
Economic Security Act

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 365

Pursuant to The CARES Act, H.R. 748, the court had previously authorized the use of video and telephone conferencing, under certain circumstances and with the consent of the defendant, for various criminal case events during the course of the COVID-19 emergency. See Administrative Order 363. I issue this order to continue the use of video and teleconferencing for another 90 days.

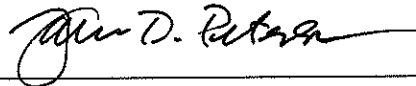
As Chief Judge, and pursuant to Section 15002(b)(1) of the legislation, I authorize the use of video conferencing, or telephone conferencing if video conferencing is not reasonably available, for all events listed in Section 15002(b) of the legislation.

Pursuant to Section 15002(b)(2), I find that felony pleas under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and felony sentencings under Rule 32 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure cannot be conducted in person in this district without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. If a judge in an individual case finds, for specific reasons, that a felony plea or sentencing in that case cannot be further delayed without serious harm to the interests of justice, the judge may, with the consent of the defendant after consultation with counsel, use video conferencing, or teleconferencing if video conferencing is not reasonably available, for the felony plea or sentencing in that case. Judges may also use this authority for equivalent events in juvenile cases as described in Section 15002(b)(2)(B).

Pursuant to Section 15002(b)(3) of the legislation, this authorization will remain in effect for 90 days unless terminated earlier. If emergency conditions continue to exist 90 days from the entry of this order, I will review this authorization and determine whether to extend it.

Entered June 26, 2020.

BY THE COURT:



JAMES D. PETERSON
Chief District Judge