

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE: EXPIRATION OF CARES ACT  
AUTHORIZATION FOR USE OF VIDEO  
AND TELECONFERENCING  
TECHNOLOGY FOR CERTAIN  
CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE  
DELINQUENCY PROCEEDINGS

Standing Order No. 23-26 (JEB)

Chief Judge James E. Boasberg

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**ORDER**

1. On March 29, 2020, this Court authorized the use of video teleconferencing, or teleconferencing if video conferencing is not reasonably available, for certain criminal proceedings pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Pub. L. No. 116-136, § 6002, Div. B, Title V, § 15002(b)(3)(A), 134 Stat. 281, 529 (2020). *See In Re: Use of Video Teleconferencing and Teleconferencing for Certain Criminal and Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings*, Standing Order No. 20-17 (BAH) (Mar. 29, 2020).

2. Following this Court’s initial authorization, multiple extensions were authorized. The authorization to utilize video or teleconferencing for felony pleas and sentencings pursuant to the CARES Act, § 15002(b)(2), expired November 9, 2022. *In Re Eleventh Extension of Authorization for Use of Video Teleconferencing and Teleconferencing for Certain Criminal and Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings*, Standing Order No. 22-64 (BAH) (Nov. 9, 2022). The authority to utilize video or teleconferencing for the ten proceedings listed in § 15002(b)(1) of the CARES Act was extended on February 8, 2023, through May 8, 2023, with the Court noting that no further extensions of the authorization were expected. *In Re Twelfth Extension of Authorization for Use of Video Teleconferencing and Teleconferencing for Certain Criminal and Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings*, Standing Order No. 23-06 (BAH) (Feb. 8, 2022).

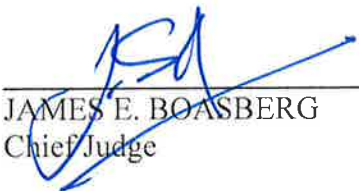
3. On April 10, 2023, the national emergency declared by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020, with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic was terminated. The the national CARES Act authority to conduct certain criminal proceedings by video or teleconferencing technology will expire on May 10, 2023, *see* CARES Act §§ 15002(a), (b)(5), while, as noted, the authorization in this Court will expire on May 8, 2023.

Accordingly, **effective May 9, 2023**, it is hereby **ORDERED** that

(a) Civil and bankruptcy proceedings may be conducted by video or teleconferencing technology as permitted by law. At the discretion of the presiding judge, public access to civil and bankruptcy proceedings, whether held in person or by video or teleconferencing technology, may be provided via remote audio-only teleconference lines.

(b) Certain criminal proceedings may be conducted by video or teleconferencing technology as permitted by law, with the consent of the defendant. Public access to criminal proceedings will not be available via remote audio-only teleconference lines. Public access to criminal proceedings conducted by video or teleconferencing technology will be available in the courtroom of the presiding judge.

Date: May 5, 2023

  
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JAMES E. BOASBERG  
Chief Judge