

asymptomatic. In these circumstances of continuing uncertainty and certain risk, it is still necessary to conduct proceedings remotely when the interests of justice require doing so. CARES Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 § 15002(b)(3)(A).

On behalf of the Court, I therefore extend Administrative Order Three's authorizations for video teleconferencing, or teleconferencing if video teleconferencing is not reasonably available, in all previously listed kinds of proceedings until 25 September 2020. Pub. L. No. 116-136 § 15002(b)(1). I specifically find, based on the current risk presented by COVID-19 in the Eastern District of Arkansas, that some felony pleas and some felony sentencings cannot be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. Pub. L. No. 116-136 § 15002(b)(2)(A). If the defendant consents after consulting with counsel, and the presiding Judge concludes that the plea or sentencing cannot be further delayed without doing serious harm to the interests of justice, then the proceeding may be held by video teleconference or teleconference, if video teleconferencing is not reasonably available.

The Court will review the authorizations in this Administrative Order on or before 25 September 2020. All the active and senior United States District Judges and United States Magistrate Judges for the Eastern District of Arkansas concur in this Administrative Order.

So Ordered.

D.P. Marshall Jr.
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Chief Judge

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