

United States Code.

- h. Appearances under Rule 40 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- i. Misdemeanor Pleas and Sentencings as described in Rule 43(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- j. Proceedings under chapter 403 of title 18, United States Code (commonly known as the “Federal Juvenile Delinquency Act”), except for contested transfer hearings and juvenile delinquency adjudication or trial proceedings.

Pursuant to Section 15002(b)(2), the Chief Judge further specifically finds 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 Procedures cannot always be conducted in person in this district without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. As a result, 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).

The Chief Judge has determined, pursuant to Section 15002(b)(3) of the legislation, that emergency conditions continue to exist, and that this authorization will remain in effect until **April 18, 2022**, unless terminated earlier. If emergency conditions continue to exist 90 days from the entry of this order, the Chief Judge will review this authorization and determine whether to extend it.

- 3. This order supercedes the Court’s Administrative Order issued on June 21, 2021. Prior Administrative Orders setting forth the periods tolled under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, are posted on the District Court’s Website at www.ndd.uscourts.gov.

Dated: January 18, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

/s/ Peter D. Welte
Peter D. Welte, Chief Judge
United States District Court