

existing, felony pleas under Fed. R. Crim. P. 11 and felony sentencings under Fed. R. Crim P. 32 could not in every instance be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. On June 29, 2020, the authorizations contained in G.O. 20-9.1 were extended for an additional 90 days. *In Re: Use of Video and Telephone Conferencing for Criminal Proceedings During the COVID-19 Pandemic*, G.O. 20-9.2 at 2 (June 29, 2020).

Section 15002(b)(3)(A) of the CARES Act, G.O. 20-9.1, and G.O. 20-9.2 provide that if emergency conditions continue to exist 90 days after issuance of the original or subsequent Order, the Chief Judge must review the findings contained in the Order and determine whether to extend the authorizations contained therein. Pursuant to that requirement, I have conducted that review and find that the circumstances existing today exceed those found on March 31, 2020 and June 29, 2020. Specifically, the current rate of new cases of COVID-19 in the State of Oklahoma exceeds the rate on June 29, 2020 by a factor of 4.5 and daily hospitalizations have doubled. In addition, four detention centers used by the United States Marshals Service to house federal prisoners have had cases of COVID-19 among inmates and staff. I therefore extend the authorizations contained in G.O. 20-9.1 for an additional 90 days. All other provisions of G.O. 20-9.1 shall remain in effect until further order of the Court. If emergency conditions continue to exist 90 days from the date of this Order, the findings contained in the Order will be reviewed and a determination will be made whether to further extend the authorizations.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 17th day of September, 2020.

Handwritten signature of Timothy D. DeGiusti in blue ink.

TIMOTHY D. DeGIUSTI
Chief United States District Judge