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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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11 IN RE:  
12 HEARINGS BY VIDEO OR  
13 TELEPHONE AS AUTHORIZED BY  
14 THE CARES ACT

GENERAL ORDER 06-22

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16 This General Order is being issued with regard to this Court’s prior response to the  
17 Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak and the enactment of the Coronavirus  
18 Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES Act”) on March 27, 2020. Pursuant to  
19 Sections 15002(b)(1) and 15002(b)(2)(A) of the Act, on March 29, 2020, the Judicial  
20 Conference of the United States found that emergency conditions due to the national  
21 emergency declared by the President under the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C.  
22 § 1601 *et seq.*) with respect to COVID–19 will materially affect the Federal courts  
23 generally.  
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26 On March 30, 2020, this Court issued General Order No. 04-20 finding that,  
27 pursuant to § 15002(b)(2)(A) of the CARES Act, certain criminal proceedings could not  
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1 be conducted in person without seriously jeopardizing public health and safety. The Court  
2 therefore authorized the use of video conferences or telephone conferences for those  
3 proceedings. This authorization was renewed on June 25, 2020, in General Order No. 09-  
4 20, on September 24, 2020, in General Order No. 14-20, on December 23, 2020, in General  
5 Order No. 17-20, on March 23, 2021, in General Order No. 06-21, on June 21, 2021, in  
6 General Order No. 09-21, on September 23, 2021 in General Order 13-21, on December  
7 22, 2021 in General Order 14-21, and on March 22, 2022, in General Order 05-22.

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10 Ninety days after such an order, the chief judge must “review the authorization and  
11 determine whether to extend the authorization.” § 15002(b)(3)(A). I have reviewed the  
12 current procedures of the Court and the daily COVID-19 data from the counties in the  
13 Western District of Washington and conclude that, in the interest of public health and  
14 safety, the procedures set forth in General Order 04-20 must be extended another 90 days  
15 from today’s date.

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18 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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20 DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

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24 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
25 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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