

United State District Court



District of Maine

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Today, Chief Judge Jon D. Levy entered the District of Maine’s fourth General Order in connection with the COVID-19 pandemic. General Order 2020-4 implements provisions of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), enacted by Congress on March 27, 2020. *See* Pub. L. No. 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (2020). Specifically, General Order 2020-4 authorizes Maine’s federal courts to use video teleconferencing and telephone conferencing, under certain circumstances and with the consent of the defendant, for various criminal case events during the COVID-19 pandemic.

General Order 2020-4 partially supersedes General Order 2020-2 and fully supersedes General Orders 2020-1 and 2020-3. It will remain in effect until June 30, 2020 and is subject to being extended if emergency conditions still exist.