

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT



DISTRICT OF MAINE

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Today, Chief Judge Jon D. Levy of the United States District Court for the District of Maine entered General Order No. 2020-3, the Court's third General Order in response to the national emergency presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. General Order 2020-3 provides that telephonic hearings will now be employed to ensure that preliminary criminal proceedings—including initial appearances, arraignments, and detention hearings—are held on a timely basis. The General Order also addresses the use of telephonic hearings for other criminal hearings, and it establishes the process by which criminal defendants can request such hearings.

General Order 2020-3 complements General Order 2020-2 entered March 18, 2020, which remains in effect. Read together, the second and third General Orders provide an overview of how the Court will operate under the present conditions. Both General Orders are set to expire on May 1, 2020, unless they are extended by the Court.

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