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IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY

GENERAL DISTRICT COURT ORDER FOR VIDEO AND TELEPHONE HEARINGS

As the Court continues its transition to pre-pandemic operations, the July 30, 2020 GENERAL DISTRICT COURT ORDER FOR TEMPORARY PROCEDURE FOR VIDEO OR TELEPHONE HEARINGS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC is amended as follows:

A. The following Civil matters are eligible for remote appearance by *telephone* and require notice to the Court via the filing of the remote telephone form (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/generaldistrict/remote-hearing/>):

- First returns for civil matters in courtroom 2A for attorneys or litigants with five cases or less. The remote telephone form (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/generaldistrict/remote-hearing/>) must be filed (received) in the clerk's office four business days prior to the return date.
- Substantive Motions held on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in courtroom 2A can be by phone on uncontested motions that are accompanied by an agreed order or letter confirming the uncontested nature of the motion with remote telephone form (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/generaldistrict/remote-hearing/>) submitted four business days prior to the motions date.

B. The following Civil matters are eligible for remote appearance by two-way audio-visual communications (*Webex*) and require motion and notice along with a video request sent to all parties for a hearing on the request. The video request request/motion shall be held on the Wednesday motions' docket at least seven days in advance of the trial.

(<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/generaldistrict/remote-hearing/>)

- Parties to a civil trial.
- Witnesses to a civil trial

C. The following matters will continue to be heard remotely by two-way audio-visual communications (*Webex*):

- Arraignments with defendants in Fairfax County Adult Detention Center (ADC)
- Bond Motions with defendants in the Fairfax County ADC.
- Commitment Hearings.

D. The following matters are eligible for remote appearance by two-way audio-visual communications (*Webex*):

Preliminary Hearings, pleas, and waivers where defendant is in the Fairfax County ADC with waiver of in person appearance executed by the attorney for the defendant, the defendant, the Commonwealth Attorney's office, and the presiding judge. (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/generaldistrict/remote-hearing/>)

Continuance motions where the defendant is in the ADC

E. Case specific or party specific circumstances that justify departing from the above procedures may be raised/addressed by motion filed in accordance with the motions policies and procedures for the Division in which the case is pending.

F. The **Summary of Remote Hearing Eligibility by Case Type/Hearing Type** is incorporated herein by reference.

G. This Order shall remain in effect until further order of this Court.

Entered this 29 day of Aug., 2022



Lisa A. Mayne, Chief Judge