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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS WACO DIVISION

## AMENDED STANDING ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND COURT PROCEEDINGS

If any party or counsel finds that a hearing, deposition, mediation, or trial may cause a person to travel or act contrary to official guidance or precautions regarding the COVID-19 virus, the party or counsel shall timely request to allow it by teleconference, videoconference, or alternative arrangement. If no alternative arrangement will suffice, then party shall timely request to postpone the relevant hearing, deposition, mediation, or trial.

All hearings other than pretrial conferences shall default to videoconference unless the parties request otherwise. The parties shall give the Court reasonable advanced notice if they intend to present confidential information during a videoconference.

This Order shall immediately apply to all cases assigned to the undersigned and Magistrate Judge Jeffrey C. Manske and shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

SIGNED this 7th day of March, 2022.

ALAN D ALBRIGHT

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE