

## **COVID-19 RELATED INFORMATION (Updated APRIL 3, 2020)**

### **Clerk's Office Operations**

The Clerk's Office is open and operating under protocols to help [prevent the spread of COVID-19](#).

File documents electronically and avoid coming to the courthouse.

- For anyone filing bankruptcy without an attorney, we strongly urge you to file your petition and any other documents by using our [Electronic Document Submission System](#). Only mail documents if you cannot access the internet and EDSS.
- Payments/fees should be mailed (do not mail cash, only a cashier's check or money order made payable to "Clerk, United States Bankruptcy Court").
- Bankruptcy forms are available [here](#).

### **Courthouse Access**

Avoid coming to the courthouse if possible. All court hearings will be conducted telephonically. All filings can be made [electronically](#). Fees (see above) can be mailed. Questions can be directed to the Clerk's Office at 877-298-2053 or 888-531-9485.

The following persons will not be allowed in the courthouse:

- anyone who has have traveled from an area with a [Level 3 Travel Health Notice](#)
- anyone who resides or has had close contact with someone who has traveled to a Level 3 area in the last 14 days;
- anyone who has been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital or health agency;
- anyone who has been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19.

### **Hearings/Trials:**

Pursuant to [Court Order \(20-mp-04\)](#):

- All hearings will be held telephonically unless directed otherwise by the presiding judge.

- All evidentiary hearings and trials presently scheduled through May 1, 2020 are continued for 28 days.

- Any party seeking a continuance must seek consent from all other parties to the hearing before submitting a request to the Court.

Information on telephonic hearings is available [here](#). Self-represented parties may contact the court for further information on telephonic appearances.

### **Motions to Dismiss/Relief from the Automatic Stay**

No case will be dismissed (including cases subject to a stipulation or certificate of default) without a hearing before the Court.

No motions for relief from the automatic stay will be granted without a hearing before the Court.

Motions to dismiss or from relief from the automatic stay must be noticed as “Hearing Required” (and not “Semi-Passive”).

### **341 Meetings**

The United States Trustee has issued the following [notices](#) regarding 341 meetings. You may receive instructions concerning alternative arrangements for a 341 meeting (e.g. telephonic or video meeting) from the United States Trustee or the assigned case trustee.