

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF HAWAII

In re:

COURT OPERATIONS.

GENERAL ORDER
DATED MARCH 18, 2022

**ORDER REGARDING COURT
OPERATIONS EFFECTIVE MARCH 26, 2022**

This order supersedes the June 2, 2020 Order Regarding Court Operations in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic.

In consideration of the current status of the COVID-19 public health emergency and directives by federal and state officers and agencies, the following procedures will apply effective March 26, 2022, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Hawaii.

Entry to the Courthouse:

- Exposure to COVID-19. Entry to the courthouse will be denied to anyone, regardless of vaccination status:
 - who has tested positive for COVID-19, unless 10 days have passed since receiving the positive test result;
 - who has been in close proximity (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) to a person known to have COVID-19, unless 5 days have passed since the last contact with the positive individual or the person seeking entry to the courthouse has tested negative for COVID-19 and has been cleared to be in public by a physician;
 - who has symptoms of a COVID-19 infection; or
 - who is required by the State of Hawaii or the City and County of Honolulu to be in self-quarantine.

- Face Coverings. Generally, persons entering the courthouse will not be required to wear a face covering. However, the Chief Bankruptcy Judge has the authority to require the use of face coverings in some or all areas of the courthouse should it be deemed necessary for public health.

- Social Distancing. Once inside the courthouse, individuals should avoid gathering in large groups and should maintain a safe distance from others.
- Hand Sanitizers. Hand sanitizers should be used while in the courthouse.

Hearings and Trials

- Non-Evidentiary Hearings. Unless the court orders otherwise, all non-evidentiary hearings will continue to be conducted remotely using Zoom.gov. These hearings will be audio only unless the court directs that video will also be used. For connection to the courtroom: Go to Zoom.gov, enter Meeting ID: 161 789 3766, Passcode: 1132. Connecting by phone: (833) 568-8864 (toll-free) with the same Meeting ID and Passcode information. Remote audio hearings are available to the public. Any recording or broadcasting of a hearing is strictly prohibited and may result in sanctions.
- Trials and Evidentiary Hearings. Unless the court orders otherwise, trials and evidentiary hearings scheduled to commence on or after May 1, 2022, may be held in-person. Amended scheduling orders will be issued for proceedings initially scheduled to be held remotely. For parties, attorneys, or witnesses not physically located on Oahu or for other good cause, the court will consider requests for participation by videoconference. Such requests must be submitted to calendar@hib.uscourts.gov not later than 28 days before the date of trial and must include a statement that the individual has the technical means to participate by video.

SO ORDERED.



/s/ Robert J. Faris
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: 03/18/2022