

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF HAWAII

In re:

COURT OPERATIONS IN
RESPONSE TO COVID-19
PANDEMIC.

GENERAL ORDER
DATED MARCH 17, 2020

**ORDER REGARDING COURT OPERATIONS
IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and directives by federal and state officials and agencies, the court has weighed the right of the public to open access to the court against the need to protect the safety of the public, including the health of all those entering and working in the court. Therefore, effective immediately, the following persons shall not be permitted to enter the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Hawaii:

- Persons who have traveled outside the State of Hawaii within the previous 14 days or are living with someone who traveled outside the State of Hawaii within the previous 14 days;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- Persons who, because of COVID-19, have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency; and
- Persons who are ill and displaying symptoms consistent with a flu, such as fever, body aches, and shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer.

If you have paper documents to file, they may be placed in a tray directly outside the court entry door. After processing, any copies may be picked up in the same area. Filing fees may be mailed to the Clerk's Office using a check or money order. Until further notice, CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ALL NON-EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS BETWEEN MARCH 18 AND MAY 1, 2020 WILL BE CONDUCTED BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE; IN-PERSON COURT APPEARANCES ARE NOT PERMITTED. Trials and evidentiary hearings requiring testimony currently scheduled between March 17, 2020 and May 1, 2020 will be rescheduled; new dates will be announced hereafter. Parties may contact the courtroom deputy at (808) 522-8113 or calendar@hib.uscourts.gov for information regarding telephonic appearances.

Bankruptcy forms and information about filing a bankruptcy petition are available at the court website: www.hib.uscourts.gov

For all other matters or questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at (808) 522-8100.

These restrictions apply to anyone entering the courthouse, including employees, and will remain in place until further notice.

SO ORDERED.



/s/ Robert J. Faris

United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: 03/17/2020