

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

GENERAL ORDER NO. 22-04

Coronavirus/COVID-19 Protocols

In light of the continued COVID-19 public health emergency, and in the interest of health and safety, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

Face Masks

1. In in-person courtroom proceedings in the bankruptcy court, the presiding judge may, at the judge's discretion, require that persons in the courtroom wear face coverings. In those situations, the judge will communicate the requirement either in court or on the judge's web page and on request will furnish a mask to anyone who does not have one.

2. A face covering or mask must completely conceal the wearer's nose and mouth and must be a solid piece of material without slits, exhalation valves, or punctures. A face shield may be used with a mask, but a face shield alone, a bandana, or a neck gaiter does not constitute a face covering under this order.

3. Exceptions to the requirements in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this order will be made only for persons who provide documentation that for medical reasons they are unable to wear a face covering.

Additional Restrictions

4. In in-person courtroom proceedings in the bankruptcy court, the presiding judge may impose additional restrictions necessary to ensure health and safety, including requiring social

distancing that exceeds minimum social distancing requirements in the district court.

Self-Certification

5. By entering a courtroom in the bankruptcy court, you certify that:

a. If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, you have isolated for the previous 5 days, and you have no symptoms;

b. If unvaccinated, you have not in the last 5 days knowingly had close contact with a person who has COVID-19; and

c. You have not in the last 5 days experienced symptoms of COVID-19, including fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, muscle or body aches, nausea or vomiting, or new loss of taste or smell.

6. Anyone who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19 symptoms in the last five days will not be permitted to enter a courtroom.

Compliance


7. Anyone who fails or refuses to comply with this order may be excluded from the courtroom at the presiding judge's discretion.

Effective Date

8. This order is effective November 7, 2022.

Dated: November 3, 2022

ENTERED FOR THE COURT:


A. Benjamin Goldgar
Chief Judge