

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

SECOND AMENDED ORDER REGARDING CONDUCT
OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

SECOND AMENDED GENERAL ORDER 20-009

This Order updates and amends the Court's Amended General Order 20-009 regarding the conduct of court proceedings. In light of the improving pandemic conditions in Rhode Island, **commencing July 27, 2022** all court proceedings, including the non-evidentiary calendar, conferences, evidentiary hearings and trials will be conducted in-person, except as otherwise directed by the Court. At the Court's discretion some or all court proceedings may transition back to virtual proceedings via the Zoom.gov platform depending on the status of the pandemic as well as other factors. Notice of such change will be posted on the Court's website.

For all in-person court proceedings, anyone who enters the Court space must wear a high-quality face mask covering the nose and mouth at all times, except when directly addressing the Court. Current or additional protocols will remain in place for longer duration in-person proceedings such as evidentiary hearings and trials, which protocols include court-staff monitored self-administered Covid antigen tests of litigants prior to commencement of these types of proceedings. Covid antigen tests will not be required for the shorter duration non-evidentiary calendar proceedings. Prior to the date of these types of in-person proceedings, the Court will advise the litigants of the specific COVID-19 protocols that will be required at such proceedings.

Any person who attends an in-person court proceeding who tests positive for the Covid-19 virus within five days of attending such proceeding must notify the Courtroom Deputy of the positive test result for contact tracing purposes. The identity of any such persons will be maintained by the Court.

[An instructional document](#) for using the Zoom platform for court proceedings that the Court directs to be held virtually is posted on the [Court's website calendar page](#), and individual training is also available upon request.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Revised: July 5, 2022

/s/ Diane Finkle
United States Bankruptcy Judge