

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY**

CLERK'S NOTICE RE: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Having considered the most recent guidance issued by the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky has amended its COVID-19 protocols for on-site hearings for all matters scheduled on or after **April 1, 2022**. Members of the bar, parties to cases, and the public are advised of the following guidelines:

1. Masks will no longer be required for those participating in on-site hearings. Those wishing to wear a mask may continue to do so. The judges, pursuant to prevailing guidance, strongly encourage anyone not fully vaccinated to get vaccinated as soon as possible.
2. The parties shall present from their locations at counsel table or from the podium, at the direction of the presiding judge.
3. While strict social distancing will not be enforced, parties should distance themselves from others to the extent practical. A party may request other accommodations related to COVID-19 for good cause and upon reasonable notice.
4. If, as a hearing approaches, any participant experiences COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test, or has a known exposure to COVID-19, counsel shall promptly alert the courtroom deputy.
5. For hearings held in courthouse space shared with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, members of the bar and other participants are encouraged to make themselves aware of the prevailing guidelines in those spaces.

/s/ Nathan W. Lee
Clerk of Court
March 30, 2022