



### **Court Operations During COVID-19 Outbreak**

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Iowa continues to closely monitor the national and local response to the Coronavirus virus (COVID-19) with respect to public health concerns. We will be following guidance provided by the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) available at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov), and from the State of Iowa.

At this time NO CHANGES to normal bankruptcy court operations are anticipated. Staff will be available by phone and online to assist you.

Unless the Court informs you otherwise all hearings will be conducted as scheduled. Telephone and video conferencing may be more widely used to accommodate appearances. Counsel should file a motion requesting a continuance if additional precautions or circumstances warrant such action.

Addressing the public health issues of COVID-19 is a fluid endeavor. Our evaluation of the situation will continue as suggested actions and updated guidelines become available.

Further questions can be directed to the Clerk's Office at 319-286-2200 or 712-233-3939.

See [Administrative Order 20-02](#) for Additional Information.

Any changes to this information will be updated on the Court's website.

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE  
(COVID-19)**

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORDER**

20-02

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The United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of Iowa, continues to monitor the most current statements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as all communications disseminated by the Administrative Office of the U. S. Courts (AO), regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). The Court is following recommended guidelines from public health officials and preparedness guidance from the AO. Currently, there has been no adjustment in court operations, except as listed below.

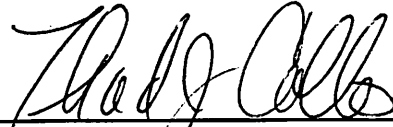
Please note that if you have been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital or health agency; or have been diagnosed with; or if you are experiencing or recently have experienced the symptoms of COVID-19, you must not enter the courthouse. Further, if you have traveled to China, Italy, Iran, or South Korea within the last 14 days; reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled to one of the above areas within the last 14 days; or have had contact with anyone who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, you must inform the Court Security Officers upon entering the courthouse and will be restricted from entering the building.

If you are so affected and are an attorney or party scheduled to appear before the court in the near future, you must notify the court so that appropriate safeguard measures can be taken. You may appear via teleconference or video-conference with the approval of the presiding Judge.

These restrictions will remain in place until further notice.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**DATED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thad J. Collins", written over a horizontal line.

THAD J. COLLINS  
CHIEF JUDGE  
U. S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA