

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN RE:

**Order Regarding Measures to Combat
Spread of COVID-19**

Misc. No.: 1-20-mp-00004

ORDER

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania is cognizant of the fact that public health authorities continue to recommend social distancing as a means of slowing the spread of novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”). See [Court Notice](#) for additional information. Conducting hearings telephonically, where practical and appropriate, will reduce the quantity and frequency of gatherings at the Court. Conducting in-person evidentiary hearings while practicing social distancing will reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Upon consideration of the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED that subject to the discretion of the presiding Judge, parties are expected to physically appear in court for all evidentiary proceedings scheduled to occur after July 30, 2020; and it is further


ORDERED that this Order shall apply to any hearing that was initially noticed for telephonic appearance only, but is scheduled to take place on or after July 30, 2020; and it is further

ORDERED that parties seeking to participate in a telephonic hearing must make arrangements to do so either by contacting CourtCall at 1-866-582-6878 or following the instructions on the [Court’s website](#); and it is further

ORDERED that social distancing and masking protocols will be followed at all hearings in accordance with [“Court Operations During COVID-19”](#) notice found on the Court’s website.

Dated: July 20, 2020

By the Court,



Henry W. Van Eck, Chief Bankruptcy Judge