

Judges' In Person Hearing Protocol

Judge	Masks in Courtroom	Seating Arrangements	Attorney/Client Communications	Use of Lectern/Shared Microphones/Doc. Camera, etc.
CHATTANOOGA				
Chief Judge Rucker	Required unless permission granted to remove	Socially distanced unless residents of the same household	Socially distanced	Permitted but not required
Judge Whittenburg	Required unless permission granted to remove	Socially distanced unless residents of the same household	Socially distanced	Permitted but not required
GREENEVILLE				
Chief Judge Rucker	Required unless permission granted to remove	Socially distanced unless residents of the same household	Socially distanced	Permitted but not required
KNOXVILLE				
Judge Bauknight	Required unless permission granted to remove	Socially distanced unless residents of the same household	Socially distanced	Permitted but not required
WINCHESTER				
Judge Whittenburg	Required unless permission granted to remove	Socially distanced unless residents of the same household	Socially distanced	Permitted but not required
Applies to All Courthouses/Courtrooms in EDTN Pursuant to standing orders of USDC EDTN				
The Following Visitors May Not Enter Any Courthouse in EDTN	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has been advised to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency within the last 14 days. 2. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told to presume they have COVID-19 by a health professional within the last 14 days. 3. Has had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or told to presume they have COVID-19 by a health professional - <u>unless</u> diagnosis was more than 14 days ago and the person diagnosed has been symptom-free for the past 72 hours or the exposed visitor has been diagnosed with and recovered from COVID-19 in the last 90 days or has been fully vaccinated. 4. Has had the following symptoms within last 14 days, not attributed to another known condition: cough, shortness of breath, fever of 100.4 or higher, chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, or extreme fatigue. 5. Has been released within the last 14 days from federal, state or local jail, prison or other correctional institution, except those who are reporting to be fitted with a location monitoring device or those under halfway house supervision. 			
All Visitors to Bankruptcy Court Must Pass through Entry Screening	Entry Screening includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pass through contactless temperature scanner. 2. Wear a mask made with at least two layers of breathable material that fully covers the nose and mouth, is secure under the chin, fits snugly but comfortably against side of face, and is secured with ties or ear loops. The following are not permitted: face shields, neck gaiters, open-chin triangle bandanas, face coverings containing valves, and mesh material or holes of any kind. Masks will be available for anyone not wearing a compliant mask. 			
All Visitors to Bankruptcy Court Must Comply with the Following Rules While in Any Courthouse	Wear a compliant mask in all public areas of the courthouse (including hallways, public counters, elevators, restrooms, and courtrooms) - unless specifically permitted to remove by the presiding judge in a courtroom.			