

Interim procedures due to Covid-19 outbreak

All civil conferences and hearings will be conducted by video conferencing or telephone to the extent possible. The Court has a strong preference for handling settings through Zoomgov.com. Parties will receive an email invitation to join a Zoom conference from the Court's Case Manager shortly before the scheduled time. Where numerous lawyers have appeared for a party, the Court recommends choosing a lead lawyer to speak during the conference to avoid confusion.

The Court will entertain reasonable motions to continue deadlines and trial settings due to Covid-19 disruptions. Whenever possible, the parties should submit concise, agreed motions for such continuances with an attached Order.

When Judge Bryan is the magistrate judge on duty, all appearances and hearings will be conducted by video conference to the greatest extent possible. Questions regarding procedures for criminal settings may be emailed to Cynthia.Jantowski@txs.uscourts.gov.

The Court strongly encourages parties and counsel to review General Orders issued by the District Court for the Southern District of Texas for information related to courthouse closures and procedures.