

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC ACCESS TO TELEPHONIC HEARINGS DURING COVID-19 OUTBREAK

While the policy of the Judicial Conference of the United States normally prohibits broadcasting federal trial court proceedings, the Conference has approved a temporary exception to allow a judge to authorize the use of teleconference technology to provide the public and the media audio access to court proceedings in cases where public access to the courthouse is restricted due to health and safety concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many hearings are being conducted via a teleconference line, and call-in information for these hearings is provided on the case's docket. Members of the public with a PACER account may find the call-in number and access code for hearings by going to <https://www.wied.uscourts.gov/court-hearings-calendar> and clicking on the case number and name of the particular hearing to which they would like to listen, then clicking the gray "Run Report" button on the bottom, left-hand side of the Docket Sheet page, then finding the "Notice of Hearing" docket entry for the hearing. If you do not have a PACER account, or if teleconference information is not listed on the docket, please call the clerk's office main number at 414-297-3372 for assistance.

The court advises members of the public who wish to dial in and listen to a hearing to dial in at least ten minutes prior to the hearing. Enter the access code when asked, followed by the pound (#) sign. After the next message, press the pound (#) sign again. A message will tell you that the host has not arrived. At that time, please mute your phone, and keep it on mute until the hearing is finished.

Only the court, the court's staff, the lawyers and the parties will be allowed to speak during a hearing.