

Addition to Procedures for COVID-19

Please review the Mediator's Procedures for Mediation, which are incorporated.

At this time, in-person mediations are being conducted under protocols designed to minimize risk of COVID-19 infection to the participants and Mediator. Therefore, at this time, every attorney participating in a mediation with me MUST participate remotely if:

1. He/she has experienced a fever or cold or flu symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19 within 10 days of the mediation conference;
2. He/she has had contact with anyone under quarantine or self-quarantine within 10 days of the mediation; or
3. He/she has any other reason to believe that in-person participation during the mediation could expose other participants to a threat of infection.

Should any attorney, party, or mediation participant fall into any of the above groups, any such individuals may participate in the mediation by audio or videoconference. My preferred videoconferencing platform is Zoom. **Each attorney participating in a mediation shall self-screen and shall have the duty to inquire whether the parties or individuals accompanying the attorney to the mediation fall into any of the above categories and alert the Mediator of any positive responses by any mediation participant.**

Additionally, the Mediator is implementing the following procedures:

1. Screening mediation participants for the risk of infection (see above);
2. Requesting that the participants maintain "social distancing" as possible.; and
3. Requiring all participants to wear a mask over their nose and mouth throughout the mediation in joint session and in their individual conference rooms should any of the participants have the need to protect someone vulnerable to complications from infection and/or wish to have such a procedure implemented.

Please note that depending on the local COVID conditions, the Mediator may choose to be masked during the mediation.