

State of New Jersey

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT P.O. BOX 381, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0110

ROBERT ASARO-ANGELO Commissioner

NOTICE TO THE BAR

February 14, 2022

Effective Monday, March 7, 2022, the N.J. Division of Workers' Compensation shall open all workers' compensation court facilities to all attorneys, litigants, court reporters, interpreters, and witnesses with regularly listed matters before the Court as listed via COURTS on-line.

With the consent of the litigants, workers' compensation judges may continue to conduct routine proceedings virtually, either telephonically or via Microsoft TEAMs, such as, daily list markings, pre-trial conferences, uncontested motions, and approval of settlement agreements in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34:15-20, N.J.S.A. 34:15-22, N.J.S.A. 34:15-27, and N.J.A.C. 12:235-3.12(f).

All Trials, including Emergent and Non-emergent Motions for Medical and Temporary Disability Benefits, as well as contested Motion Hearings, must be conducted in-person in accordance with Workers' Compensation Court Rules.

All persons with in-person business with the N.J. Division of Workers' Compensation may be required to have their temperature taken and/or answer health questionnaires upon entry of our facilities in coordination with local Sheriffs, New Jersey State Police, and/or Allied Security. We will not ask for proof of vaccination when you enter a workers' compensation facility.

All persons should follow these health precautions:

- Wear a mask and maintain social distance
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently
- Do not come to a workers' compensation facility if you have any of these symptoms:
 - fever or chills
 - cough
 - congestion
 - runny nose
 - fatigue
 - body aches or pains
 - headache
 - nausea or vomiting



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diarrhea

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shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Let security or staff know immediately if you have any of the symptoms listed above. Court staff will talk to you about rescheduling your hearing.

Hon. Russell Wojtenko, Jr. Director and Chief Judge of Compensation N.J. Department of Labor & Workforce Development Division of Workers' Compensation



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