

U.S. Trustee's Notice Regarding 341 Meetings

The District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin has issued a general notice advising people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 outbreak. Consistent with this notice and per direction from the United States Trustee, chapter 7, 12, and 13 trustees will accommodate all reasonable requests for continuances of section 341 meetings by debtors who, for any section 341 meeting location

- (i) exhibit symptoms of a flu-like illness;
- (ii) have been diagnosed with or exposed to a person with COVID-19;
- (iii) are within a “higher risk” group for COVID-19 complications per CDC guidelines;
- (iv) have recently traveled to or been in contact with someone who has traveled to a location outside of the United States identified by the CDC as being an area with widespread or ongoing community spread of COVID-19; or
- (v) are uncomfortable attending a public meeting due to a potential risk of exposure. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>.

Unless otherwise provided by the trustee, debtors who seek a continuance must file the required rescheduling notice with the court, provide notice to creditors, and stipulate to the extension of related deadlines in accordance with procedures that apply to rescheduling for reasons unrelated to COVID-19.

Debtors also may seek other alternative meeting arrangements by contacting the trustee.

This notice is dated 3/13/2020. Should circumstances change, the U.S. Trustee will issue additional guidance.