

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

In re:

COVID-19 VACCINATION AND)
TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR)
COURT EMPLOYEES AND)
CONTRACTORS AND FOR)
ADMITTED COUNSEL AND)
THEIR EMPLOYEES AND)
CONTRACTORS,)

Standing Order 23-8

ORDER

Beginning in 2021, the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “District Court”) imposed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination and testing requirements for District Court employees and contractors and for admitted counsel and their employees and contractors. These requirements were consistent with measures taken by the state government, federal government, and other courts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The District Court modified its requirements in 2022 as the guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health authorities evolved.

This Court has adopted requirements identical to those of the District Court for this Court’s employees and contractors and for admitted counsel and their employees and contractors. In the interest of maintaining a consistent districtwide policy should the District Court alter or amend its vaccination and testing requirements and in reliance on the sound judgment of the District Court, the Court finds that it should adopt for its employees and contractors and for admitted counsel and their employees and contractors any COVID-19-related vaccination and testing requirements imposed by the District Court.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that, effective immediately, the Court hereby adopts for its employees and contractors and for admitted counsel and their employees and contractors any

COVID-19-related vaccination and testing requirements imposed by the District Court, both as currently in effect and as may be modified by the District Court in the future, without need for further order. It is further ORDERED that if the District Court repeals its COVID-19 vaccination and testing requirements entirely in the future, then such requirements will be likewise repealed for this Court without need for further order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:



FRANK J. SANTORO
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: April 21, 2023