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## **THE U.S. MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board is extending mandatory telework for its employees at all locations through Friday, April 10, 2020. We will evaluate the need for a further extension as we get closer to that date. This is in continued support of guidance and recommendations to increase social distancing and maximize telework in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the National Emergency.

As we noted when it was announced on March 16, this change in our operating posture temporarily impacts some hearing and mediation schedules, and the docketing/processing of new appeals/pleadings submitted by mail, overnight or personal delivery, or fax. We continue to assess each situation, and we are in the process of communicating with affected parties to provide for effective ways to continue the hearing and adjudication of initial appeals, with which we urge the parties' cooperation. As a reminder, MSPB's [e-Appeal Online](#) system is available for electronic filing. Because paper submissions will not be received by MSPB during this period, we strongly encourage the use of [e-Appeal Online](#) for both new and pending cases, and by all parties.

MSPB will continue to review and adjust our operations with respect to COVID-19 to support the health and safety of our employees and continue our essential functions.

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate MSPB Regional or Field Office or the Office of the Clerk of the Board. Telephone and e-mail addresses are located on the Contact tab of MSPB's website ([www.mspb.gov](http://www.mspb.gov)).

For more information on COVID-19, please visit [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov), [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus), and [www.usa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usa.gov/coronavirus) (Spanish: [www.usa.gov/espanol/coronavirus](http://www.usa.gov/espanol/coronavirus)).

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