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

Effective today and for the next two weeks (through Friday, March 27, 2020), the U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board is implementing mandatory telework for its employees at all locations. This is in support of guidance and recommendations to increase social distancing and maximize telework in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and the National Emergency.

This change in our operating posture will temporarily impact some hearing and mediation schedules, and the docketing of new appeals submitted by mail, overnight or personal delivery, or fax. We are assessing each situation, and we will communicate with affected parties. As a reminder, MSPB's <u>e-Appeal Online</u> system is available for electronic filing. Because paper submissions will not be received by MSPB during this period, we recommend use of <u>e-Appeal Online</u>, MSPB's electronic filing system.

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 (<u>www.mspb.gov</u>).

The U.S. Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) is an independent, quasi-judicial agency whose mission is to protect the Merit System Principles and promote an effective Federal workforce free of Prohibited Personnel Practices.