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U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals

Suspension of Central Office and Travel Board Hearings January 2022

The Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) is suspending all Central Office and Travel Board Hearings for the duration of January 2022. Our primary concern remains the health and safety of all Veterans and after a thorough review of all current public health information we determined that the suspension of in-person hearings is needed.

We are NOT suspending all hearings. Therefore, if you have a Central Office or Travel Board hearing scheduled for January 2022, please consider switching your hearing to a virtual tele-hearing. The Hearing Management Branch will attempt to contact all impacted appellants to offer them a virtual tele-hearing.

1. **Central Office** hearings will not occur. Hearing coordinators will attempt to contact all scheduled Veterans and encourage conversion to a virtual tele-hearing. Those who wish to remain in the Central Office hearing queue will have their hearings rescheduled as quickly as possible.
2. **Travel Board** hearings will not occur. Hearing coordinators will attempt to contact all scheduled Veterans and encourage conversion to a virtual tele-hearing. Those who wish to remain in the Travel Board hearing queue will have their hearings rescheduled in due course.
3. Travel Board and Central Office hearings for January 31, 2022, and beyond remain as scheduled. We are monitoring the public health situation and will publish any additional changes as appropriate.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you are currently scheduled for a Board hearing in January 2022 or beyond and would like to opt into a virtual tele-hearing, you or your representative may do so by emailing your hearing branch coordinator. A roster for hearing branch coordinators can be found clicking [here](#) or on the Board's website at www.bva.va.gov.