

Baltimore City District Court – Covid Phase 3 -Additional Information

11-16-20

This protocol modifies the prior Phase 3 protocol.

Criminal

The jail is going to transport inmates through Nov 25.

Therefore, those hearings will proceed as scheduled UNTIL Nov 25.

Witnesses can be placed on call but should be available for trial, if requested.

After Nov 25, criminal cases (not criminal DV) with incarcerated defendants will be virtual. If, after the virtual hearing, a defendant wants a court trial, the case will be postponed and set 7 work days later.

The jail will test for covid and transport if there is a negative test.

All non-jail cases are being postponed “to be set”. The new date will be set in 2021 when it is safe to do so.

The criminal and *traffic cases set between today and Nov 25 will be postponed unless the parties come to court and want to proceed.

No bench warrants will be issued.

*DUI cases will continue in person (virtual by request and agreement) on the scheduled trial date.

The SAO is requesting postponements in all non-DUI traffic cases.

They can be virtual if requested and both sides agree. (non-court trial)

Stay safe and well,

Barbara Baer Waxman

Administrative Judge

District Court of MD