

BALTIMORE CITY DISTRICT COURT

PHASE IV – March 15, 2021

The judiciary will return to Phase IV on March 15, 2021.

The clerk's office will remain open to the public.

However, the drop box is still being used to limit persons entering the building.

SCREENING PROTOCOLS

To enter the building, everyone will be subject to the following screening protocols:

1. Each person entering the building must wear a mask (not a scarf or gator) covering the nose and mouth. The bailiffs will provide proper masks if necessary.

2. Each person must answer a questionnaire with CDC questions and have a no-contact temperature check. A reading of 100.4* will trigger denial of access to the building.

Social Distancing will be enforced. Bailiffs have the right to delay or deny access to the building and/or courtroom if safe social distancing cannot be maintained.

There is limited space in the hallways 6' spacing will be enforced.

There will be seating limits in each courtroom.

SOCIAL DISTANCING SEATING BY COURTROOM BALTIMORE CITY DISTRICT COURT

5-6 additional personnel in courtrooms – Judge, clerk, bailiffs, defense attorney, state's attorney

COURTROOM #	WABASH	HARGROVE	EASTSIDE	CIVIL
1	8	12	10	9
2	6	12	10	16
3	6	12	10	9
4	6	12	10	9
5	6	12	10	9
6	6	12	10	9
7	6	12	10	12
TOTAL	44	72	76	73

Docket times will be staggered to limit the amount of people in all courthouses and courtrooms.

Filings by mail and use of the drop box are strongly suggested.

Remote hearings will continue to be used for certain types of cases.

BAIL REVIEWS

Bail reviews will continue remotely.

Family members can join the call.

Males will be heard at Wabash.

Monday - 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Tuesday through Friday - 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Tuesday after a Monday holiday

Or

Monday after a Friday holiday - 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Females/ Juveniles

Hargrove at 1:30 PM every day

To be included on an invite for a Bail Review, you must call Karen Lester at 410-878-8011 or email Karen.Lester@mdcourts.gov by 9 AM.

CRIMINAL / TRAFFIC

CRIMINAL CASES (NON DV) (Beginning on March 22, 2021)

The Preliminary hearing dockets will be held to enter indictment numbers or for reductions both remotely and in person.

The incarcerated defendants will continue to have remote initial hearings. In person trials will be set at least 10 days from date of remote hearing so that the defendants can be tested 3 days prior to transport.

Pleas, preliminary dispositions, and JTPs can be done remotely if all parties and the court agree.

JTPs can also be done by motion - drop box or mail.

Preliminary matters can be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

Non-incarcerated defendants will be set for in-person trial dates at staggered docket times. The dockets will begin at 9:15, 10:15, 11:15, 1:15, 2:15, and 3:15 in each building. The number of cases on each docket will be limited. Preliminary matters can be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

TRAFFIC

Traffic cases, incarcerable and non-incarcerable, will be heard in person on staggered dockets. The number of cases on each docket will be limited.

Preliminaries for traffic cases can be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

CRIMINAL DV

Will continue to be heard in person / or remotely at Eastside.

Remote hearings for **incarcerated defendants** will continue to be heard in E1 on the scheduled trial date. In person trials will be set in E5 at least 10 days from date of remote hearing so that the defendant can be tested 3 days prior to transport.

Preliminaries for criminal DV cases can be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS

Drug, Mental Health and Veteran's Treatment courts may be heard in person or remotely.

RED LIGHT, SPEED CAMERA, EZ PASS, PARKING, MTA CITATIONS, EXPUNGEMENTS

These matters will be heard both remotely and in person.

CIVIL PROTECTIVE AND PEACE ORDERS

Temporary and final protective hearings will continue to be heard in person at the Eastside Court building.

If we are unable to maintain social distancing, some temporary hearings may be done remotely.

If all parties and the court agree, some cases may be heard remotely.

Hearings with **incarcerated litigants** will continue to be heard remotely.

CIVIL

All types of cases will resume in person on March 15, 2021. Dockets will be staggered with case number limits.

Physical distancing and mask wearing will be enforced in the courtrooms and hallways.

All reasonable requests for remote hearings will be considered.

Submission of evidence and documents in the civil division for remote hearings is by email at: dcbaltcityfayette@mdcourts.gov

Include your telephone number, email address, and case information on all filings so you can be contacted remotely.

COVID QUESTIONNAIRE

To gain faster access into the Court building:

Copy the COVID questionnaire and fill it out before entering the building. Have your client do the same. The questionnaire is in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire is very important. We are trying to keep our staff and the public safe. If someone tests positive, this questionnaire will be used for contact tracing. The health department will know who may have had contact with someone infected. Having your phone number will allow you to be notified so that you and your family can be kept safe.

The health and safety of our employees and the public is paramount to the judiciary.

Please understand that the bailiffs may have to ask people to delay entering the courtroom or court building. This is for the safety of our staff and the public.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Halee F. Weinstein
Administrative Judge
District Court- Baltimore City

**DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND
INITIAL SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE**

For infection control purposes, I need to ask you a few questions:	
<p>1. Are you fully vaccinated with either the Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine <u>and</u> are asymptomatic for COVID-19? If yes, no further health screening is required. If no, or you prefer not to answer this question, proceed with the temperature check and additional health screening questions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>2. Have you had any of the following symptoms in the last seven (7) days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cough (either new, or different than your usual cough), shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing? • Fever (either subjective, or measured) or chills? • Sore throat, unusual muscle pain, or unusual headache? • New loss of taste or smell? • Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other flu-like symptoms? <p><i>Current body temperature is _____ (Bailiff / Screener will complete)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>3. Have you had a positive test for COVID-19 infection within ten (10) days with symptoms?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>4. Have you been in close, prolonged contact (less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) within the last week with someone with a fever, cough, shortness of breath, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, flu-like symptoms, or diagnosis of COVID-19?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>



Individuals who answer YES to questions 2, 3, or 4 on the Initial Screening Questionnaire** OR have a temperature of 100.4°F [38°C] or higher OR refuse to participate in the screening process must be denied access to the facility.

Names of Individual Seeking Access: _____ (please print)

Address of Individual Seeking Access: _____

Phone Number of Individual Seeking Access: _____

Access Determination: _____ Approved _____ Denied

Name of staff completing form _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

(Please Print)

**TRIBUNAL DE DISTRITO DE MARYLAND
CUESTIONARIO DE SELECCIÓN INICIAL**

Para fines de control de infecciones, necesito hacerle algunas preguntas:	
<p>1. ¿Está completamente vacunado con la vacuna COVID-19 de Pfizer, Moderna o Johnson and Johnson y no presenta síntomas de COVID-19? En caso afirmativo, no se requieren más exámenes médicos. Si la respuesta es no, o si prefiere no responder a esta pregunta, continúe con la verificación de temperatura y las preguntas adicionales de detección de salud.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>2. ¿Ha tenido alguno de los siguientes síntomas en los últimos siete (7) días?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ¿Tos (nueva o diferente a su tos habitual), falta de aire o dificultad para respirar? • ¿Fiebre (subjetiva o medida) o escalofríos? • ¿Dolor de garganta, dolor muscular inusual o dolor de cabeza inusual? • ¿Nueva pérdida del gusto o del olfato? • ¿Náuseas, vómitos, diarrea o cualquier otro síntoma similar a la gripe? <p>La temperatura corporal actual es _____ (el alguacil / inspector completará).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>3. ¿Ha tenido una prueba positiva para la infección por COVID-19 dentro de los diez (10) días con síntomas?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No
<p>4. ¿Ha estado en contacto cercano y prolongado (menos de 6 pies durante más de 15 minutos) en la última semana con alguien con fiebre, tos, dificultad para respirar, náuseas, vómitos, diarrea, síntomas similares a los de la gripe o diagnóstico de COVID-19?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No



A las personas que respondan **SÍ** a las preguntas 2, 3 o 4 del Cuestionario de evaluación inicial **** O** que tengan una temperatura de 100.4 °F [38 °C] o más **O** se nieguen a participar en el proceso de evaluación se les debe negar el acceso a la instalación.

Nombre del individuo que solicita el acceso: _____
(en letra de imprenta)

Dirección del individuo que solicita el acceso: _____

Número de teléfono del individuo que solicita el acceso: _____

Determinación sobre el acceso: _____ Aprobado _____ Negado

Nombre del personal que completa el formulario: _____ Hora: _____ Fecha: _____
(en letra de imprenta)