

DISTRICT COURT SHALL ENTER A PHASED RETURN TO FULL OPERATIONS

PHASES ARE CONDITIONAL AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Pursuant to Chief Judge Barbera’s Administrative Order of May 22nd, 2020, On the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency:

Any person seeking entrance to this courthouse is:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subject to COVID-19 screening questions • subject to non-contact temperature checks where available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • required to wear face masks or coverings • required to maintain social distancing
Any person may be denied entrance to or required to leave this courthouse as a result of:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refusing to comply with the requirements to wear a face mask or covering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • refusing to maintain social distancing • the screening process

Matters to be heard by the District Court are identified in each phase, below:

PHASE I – Closed to the public with limited exceptions	
03/16/2020 – 06/05/2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bail reviews / bench warrants • emergency evaluation petitions • quarantine and isolation violations • body attachments
PHASE II – Closed to the public with limited exceptions*	
06/05/2020 – 07/19/2020 <i>In addition to PHASE I Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • guilty pleas, with deferral of incarceration start date considered • hearings on petitions for mental health evaluations and competency to stand trial • temporary and final domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective orders • emergency wrongful detainer actions • bail reconsiderations / matters involving locally incarcerated defendants • preliminary hearings with a proposed resolution, no testimony required • temporary restraining orders • emergency breach of lease involving threats or injury to people or property
PHASE III – Open to the public*	
07/20/2020 – 08/30/2020 <i>In addition to PHASE II Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trials for incarcerated defendants, other criminal charges alleging violent acts, alcohol-related motor vehicle matters • preliminary hearings • schedule dockets beginning 08/31/2020 (including previously postponed matters) for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ minor traffic matters ○ civil matters (including trials) • resume handling of temporary domestic violence protective, peace, and extreme risk protective order petitions during court hours • rent escrow actions (provided local health depts. are able to provide inspection) • tenant holding over actions • warrants of restitution
PHASE IV*	
08/31/2020 – 10/04/2020 <i>In addition to PHASE III Matters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • schedule dockets beginning 10/05/2020 for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ parking citations ○ red light citations ○ speed camera citations ○ school bus citations ○ toll/MTA citations ○ other civil citations • all civil matters • failure to pay rent cases • minor traffic matters • all criminal matters
PHASE V	
10/05/2020, forward	All courts resume full operations with encouragement to continue remote matters.

**Future phase case types may be advanced to the current phase once all required matters within the phase have been executed.*

Please contact the clerk’s office in your county at the number below, if you have any questions:

Frederick County District Court: (301) 600-2000

Washington County District Court: (240) 420-4600