

## **Case Management Plans for the Reduction of Court Operations:**

The clerk's office will remain open for the filing of requests for protective or peace orders, and emergency petitions.

Any criminal plea hearings, sentencings, VOPs or competency hearings will be held remotely.

Any emergent civil proceeding may be scheduled and heard remotely after judicial review to determine the urgency of the matter. Most matters will be heard after a return to Phase IV or V.

Please contact the clerk's office or file a request for a remote hearing through MDEC. We will continue to use the dropbox which will be checked hourly. We will also move our most frequently requested forms to a display rack outside the scanner. These will be available for public access and can be filled out off-premises and filed via MDEC or dropbox. MDEC users are still required to file all documents electronically.

### **Criminal and Serious Traffic**

1. One judge will be hearing criminal bail reviews and bail reconsiderations, and bench warrants. This judge will be present in the courtroom.
2. One judge will be available to hear agreed pleas and matters involving locally incarcerated defendants, consistent with the Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Trial Courts of Maryland to the COVID-19 Emergency as it Relates to Those Persons who are Incarcerated or Imprisoned, filed April 14, 2020. Please file CC-DC 110 Motion for Remote Proceedings. This judge may or may not be present in the courtroom

## **Civil Domestic Violence**

1. One judge will be available for temporary and final protective and peace order hearings. Any order, temporary or final, may be heard remotely. This judge will be present in the courtroom. Walk-in requests for protection will be heard as promptly as possible. Please contact the clerk's office for instructions on how to schedule a remote matter. Also, please see CC-DC 110 Motion for Remote Proceedings.

## **Civil Matters**

1. All civil hearings currently scheduled will continue to be heard as scheduled. These will be conducted remotely. This judge will not be present in the courtroom. Please contact the clerk's office for instructions on how to schedule a remote matter. Also, please see CC-DC 110 Motion for Remote Proceeding

## **Phase II District Court:**

Matters that can be heard in District Court as set forth by Chief Judge Barbera's Sixth Administrative Order Restricting Statewide Judiciary Operations Due to the COVID-19 Emergency.

In addition to PHASE I Matters:

### **CRIMINAL & TRAFFIC:**

- (1) bail reviews and bail reconsiderations, bench warrants including matters involving locally incarcerated defendants, consistent with the Administrative Order Guiding the Response of the Trial Courts of Maryland to the COVID-19 Emergency as it Relates to Those Persons who are Incarcerated or Imprisoned, filed April 14, 2020
- (2) trials for incarcerated individuals.
- (3) trials for other criminal actions alleging violent acts
- (4) trials for alcohol-related motor vehicle cases
- (5) guilty pleas, with deferral of any incarceration start date considered

- (6) hearings on petitions for mental health evaluations and competency to stand trial
- (7) preliminary hearings
- (8) hearings on petitions for violations of probation
- (9) juvenile waiver hearings
- (10) any other criminal proceeding that can be conducted remotely

**CIVIL:**

- (1) emergency evaluation petitions
- (2) quarantine and isolation violation petitions
- (3) body attachments
- (4) temporary and final domestic violence, peace, and extreme risk protective orders petitions, during court hours
- (5) temporary restraining orders
- (6) any other civil proceeding that can be conducted remotely

**LANDLORD/TENANT:**

- (1) rent escrow actions, provided local inspection practices are capable of being conducted
- (2) emergency breach of lease involving threats or injury to people or property and associated warrants of restitution
- (3) emergency wrongful detainer actions and associated warrants of restitution
- (4) emergency tenant holding over actions and associated warrants of restitution
- (5) processing of warrants of restitution for failure to pay rent actions to begin after July 25, 2020, consistent with the Fifth Amended Administrative Order Lifting the Suspension During the COVID-19 Emergency of Foreclosures, Evictions, and Other Ejectments Involving Residences, filed November 24, 2020

**PROBLEM-SOLVING COURTS:** including drug, mental health, DUI, veterans', re-entry courts and dockets Any other matters that can be scheduled, heard, or resolved in accordance with Sections (i) and (j) of the Sixth Administrative Order Restricting Statewide Judiciary Operations are encouraged to be taken up by the District Court during Phase II.

All problem-solving court hearings will be conducted remotely during Phase II.