



PLEASE READ

The District Court of Maryland, District Ten is Open for BUSINESS -- SUBJECT to the following:

Per the Order of Chief Judge Barbera of March 16, 2020, the Clerk's office is CLOSED to the Public on an Emergency Basis until April 3, 2020 and the Courthouse and court staffing is across the state is reduced to essential employees only.

You MAY be allowed to enter if you are a PARTY or LAWYER or properly credentialed member of the media for the following types of proceedings:

Bail Reviews/Bench Warrants
Emergency Evaluation Petitions
Quarantine and Isolation Violations
Body Attachments

Pursuant to Chief Judge Barbera's Order of March 16, 2020 regarding emergency status, no one exhibiting illness will be permitted in the courthouse.

Only parties, attorneys, and testifying witnesses are permitted to attend the above events, unless permission is expressly granted by the Administrative Judge to do so. Dockets are updated daily and can be found at:

Electronic participation is permitted where legal and feasible.

**Please contact the Clerk's office in Howard County at: (410) 480-7700
Carroll County at: (410) 871-3500**

In accord with the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), this Court seeks to limit the level, duration and quality of contact among persons who frequent this Court. To that end, all persons who enter the Courthouse are encouraged to practice good hygiene by frequently washing their hands, keeping an appropriate distance from others and in case of employees -- keeping work stations, keyboards and phones clean. Commonly used surfaces should be cleaned on a regular basis. The concept of "social distancing" in the Courthouse is encouraged, but normal human interaction is inevitable. All courthouse users should be prudent and exercise good judgement during those interactions regularly

The Clerk's office will not be interacting with members of the public or attorneys, except by telephone. All court filings shall be electronically filed by attorneys or, if self-represented, mailed or placed in the dropbox, located at the security station immediately inside the District Court courthouse.

Other than Judges, employees of this courthouse, the State's Attorney's Office, Public Defender Office, and the Division of Parole and Probation, the only persons who may access the District Court are litigants, attorneys, or testifying witnesses in a case scheduled for the proceeding on a particular day. Any other user of the courthouse who frequently appears on behalf of a government agency who is not on the list above should contact the Administrative Judge.

The Commissioner's office is OPEN at the District Court in Howard County every day from 8:00am -- 4:00pm and in Carroll County District Court at 8:00am for the following:

Initial appearance advice of rights	Applications for criminal charges
Posting Bail	Bench warrant satisfactions
New Domestic violence protective order	Peace Order protection
New Extreme Risk Protective Order	Emergency evaluation petition

After 4:00pm the Commissioner's office at the Howard County Detention Center & Carroll County District locations will accept the following civil petitions:

New Domestic Violence Protective Order	New Peace Order protection
New Extreme Risk Protective Order	New Emergency Evaluation Petition

Commissioners MAY NOT accept payments for filing fees or citations/ticket.

THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF PROCEEDINGS ARE CONTINUED – NEW DATES WILL BE MAILED

Criminal Trials	Traffic Trials	Civil Large and Small Claims
Camera tickets	Parking tickets	Landlord-tenant cases
Civil motions		

PAYMENTS FOR CITATIONS may be made on-line at any hour.

**Bail Reviews will be held Monday through Friday
Carroll County District Court – 9:00am
Howard County District Court – 10:00am**

For scheduling information:

By order of the Court of Appeals 3/16/2020 <https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/admin-orders/20200313statewideclosingofcourts.pdf>

Please check back frequently for updates and revisions at <https://mdcourts.gov/> as this protocol is subject to change.

Pamila Brown, Administrative Judge, Tenth District Court of Maryland