

REMOTE HEARINGS POLICY

Effective Immediately (3-15-21)

The following types of Hearings set in the Circuit Court for Frederick County will be scheduled as remote hearings routinely:

Scheduling conferences- all case types

Status conferences- all civil and family cases

Pre-trial conferences- civil and family cases

Juvenile matters- both CINA and delinquency

All uncontested family law matters requiring testimony only

The following types of hearings set will routinely be scheduled as in person hearings:

Any contested matter including:

Criminal pre-trial hearings

Motions hearings

PL hearings

All merits and trials

ANY PARTY OR INTERESTED PERSON CAN REQUEST TO BE HEARD REMOTELY, the assigned judge or administrative judge will rule on the request on a case by case basis.

Any party can be present in court for any proceeding, subject to social distancing and COVID clearances for entry into the courthouse.

Please reach out to the court 48 hours ahead of a scheduled hearing if you have questions as to whether a hearing is remote or live.