

District Courthouse Move FAQs



1. What District Court locations are moving?

The Towson District courthouse located at 120 E. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson will reopen on **Tuesday, October 13, 2020**, at 8:30 a.m., and will resume normal business operations.

In addition, the Catonsville District courthouse located at 900 Walker Avenue will close permanently and reopen on **Monday, October 19, 2020,** at 8:30 a.m., at the new Catonsville District court building at 1 Rolling Cross Road in the Rolling Cross Road Professional Park.

2. Will my case be postponed until after the Towson or Catonsville District courthouses reopen?

No. Please review any notices you receive from the court either by U.S. mail or by text. The notice will include the correct courthouse and address for you to report to for your hearing. If you have any questions, please contact the clerk's office at 410-512-2500.

3. Can I just have my case postponed until the Towson or Catonsville District courthouses open again?

Granting or denying postponements is at the discretion of the presiding judge. You must file a motion for the judge to decide.

4. How will I know when the Towson or Catonsville District courthouses are closing and reopening?

Signage with the official move dates will be posted in all District courthouses in Baltimore County. The Judiciary's website, <u>mdcourts.gov/district</u>, also has updated information on the closing and reopening of the courthouses. Please review your notices from the court or contact the clerk's office to make sure you report to the correct courthouse.

5. I'm used to going to the Catonsville District courthouse at 900 Walker Avenue. How do I get to the new courthouse?

There are multiple public bus routes that provide service to Catonsville. For more information regarding bus routes and schedules, please visit the MTA website at https://www.mta.maryland.gov/schedule, or call the MTA at 410-539-5000. There is also a free parking garage at the new Catonsville District courthouse, if you choose to drive.

6. How long does it take to get to the new Catonsville District courthouse?

The mileage between the old Catonsville District courthouse and the new Catonsville District courthouse is about 6 miles. Travel time will depend on your mode of transportation and the time of day during which you are traveling.

7. I filed something at the new District courthouse in Catonsville, do I need to re-file it at the Towson District courthouse?/ I filed something at the old District courthouse on Walker Ave., do I need to re-file it at the new District courthouse at 1 Rolling Cross Road?

No. All filings, proceedings, hearings, and other court related events that were filed at the new Catonsville District courthouse will be transferred to the Towson District courthouse. Any filings that were made at the old Catonsville District courthouse will be transferred to the new Catonsville District courthouse.

8. Are there now two District courthouses in Catonsville?

Yes. However, the Catonsville District courthouse at 900 Walker Avenue will permanently close at 5 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020. Beginning Monday, October 19, 2020, the new Catonsville District courthouse will be the only Catonsville District court location and will be located at 1 Rolling Cross Road in the Rolling Cross Road Professional Park. Please look closely at your court notices to make sure you report to the correct courthouse.

9. Where should I go to see a Commissioner?

Between 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2020, and 7 a.m. on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, commissioner services will only be available at the Essex District courthouse or the new Catonsville District courthouse (1 Rolling Cross Road). From 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020, to Monday, October 19, 2020, at 7 a.m., commissioner services will continue to be available at the Essex, Towson, and new Catonsville District courthouses.

10. Will there be a shuttle service from the new Catonsville District courthouse to the Towson District courthouse?

No. The shuttle service will be discontinued, effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2020. The shuttle service was set up temporarily while the Towson District courthouse was closed.