

MEMORANDUM

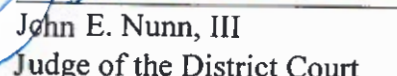
TO: Members of the Bar and the public  
FROM: The Circuit and District Courts for Kent County  
Date: May 27, 2020  
Re: Status of the courts as of June 8, 2020

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As you know, the new series of Administrative Orders was issued by Chief Judge Barbera on May 22, 2020. We have reviewed those orders – primarily the **Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of the Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency** (a.k.a. “The Big Order”). Based on the language of the orders and the need to provide for the administration of justice while taking reasonable steps to protect public health, the situation with the courts in Kent County as of June 8, 2020 will be as follows:

- 1) The clerk’s offices will remain closed to the public, with limited exceptions, until July 20, 2020.
- 2) Jury trials will not resume until October 5, 2020.
- 3) The stay on Foreclosure proceedings and Residential Evictions remains in effect until July 25, 2020.
- 4) The Circuit and District Courts will be hearing an increasing number of matters in-person and remotely.
- 5) Dockets will be limited and staggered.
- 6) Notices will go out indicating if a matter will go forward and whether it will proceed in-person or remotely. If you have already received notice of a proceeding and have any questions, contact the court.
- 7) If you believe that a matter scheduled to occur in-person could proceed remotely, or if you desire another type of accommodation for health reasons, a motion or request should be made to the court.
- 8) The attached Courthouse Public Health Protocols will be in place and must be observed.

  
Harris P. Murphy  
Administrative Judge  
Circuit Court for Kent County

  
John E. Nunn, III  
Judge of the District Court  
of Maryland for Kent County