

Health and Safety Protocols for the Courthouse

The Courthouse is following the policy of Phase 3 of the plan of the Maryland Judiciary for public access to the building. Although the Courthouse, including the Clerk's Office, Family Services, and Courtrooms is open, certain safety protocols are required and will be enforced.

- **Face masks/coverings must be worn in ALL areas of the building DURING THE ENTIRE TIME YOU ARE IN THE COURTHOUSE** unless you are instructed that you may remove them by the Court per the Administrative Order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals Clarifying COVID-19 Health Measures in Courthouses and Judicial Branch Facilities.
- Health screenings and temperature checks will be taken upon the entry of the Courthouse. Persons showing any sign or symptom of illness will be denied access.
- Anyone refused entry will be provided a handout with contact information.
- Social distancing throughout the building is required.
- Hand sanitizers are available throughout the building.
- Persons must exit the building immediately following the conclusion of their case.
- The Elevator is restricted to one person, or one family unit, at a time.

Courtrooms:

- Each courtroom will have a maximum occupancy of 10 people.
- Entry into the Courtroom will not be allowed until your case is called. Pagers are available upon request.
- Each courtroom is equipped with hand sanitizers and disinfectant cleaning supplies and you will be required to clean your area when you are finished.
- Counsel will be granted leeway to arrange seating at the counsel table for appropriate social distancing.
- Seating in the gallery will require continued social distancing. Benches have been marked accordingly.
- Persons must immediately exit the Courtroom and Courthouse at the conclusion of their case.