

Washington County Circuit Court closed to the public

Per administrative order of Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera, Court of Appeals:

<https://mdcourts.gov/sites/default/files/admin-orders/20200313statewideclosingofcourts.pdf>

Effective Monday, March 16th *“all courts in the Maryland judiciary will be closed to the public on an emergency basis”*

The following mandatory matters shall continue to be scheduled and heard:

- (A) bail reviews
- (B) arraignments
- (C) emergency Habeas Corpus petitions
- (D) juvenile detention hearings
- (E) CINA shelter care and adjudication on shelter care
- (F) emergency delinquency
- (G) domestic violence protective petitions
- (H) appeals from peace orders
- (I) family law emergencies including petitions for guardianship
- (J) temporary restraining orders
- (K) emergency evaluation petitions
- (L) quarantine and isolation petitions
- (M) extradition cases
- (N) Rule 4-271 determinations (*Hicks*)
- (O) search warrants
- (P) body attachments
- (Q) emergency contempt

All other matters scheduled to be heard between March 16, 2020, through April 3, 2020, are postponed pending further order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.

The Clerk’s office will be available by phone during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm at 301-733-8660.

- Licensing – Option 1
- Civil – Option 2
- Criminal – Option 3
- Land Records – Option 4

A drop box will be available in the Circuit Court entry vestibule for any paper filings or recordings.

For the latest updates, please see the Maryland Judiciary’s Coronavirus Updates page:

<https://mdcourts.gov/coronavirusupdate>