

BALTIMORE CITY DISTRICT COURT

PHASE III – January 14, 2022 Update

The judiciary returned to Phase III on December 29, 2021. Phase III will continue to be in effect through **Sunday, March 6, 2022**.

The clerk's office will remain open to the public, but please use the drop box for filing motions to limit persons entering the building.

SCREENING PROTOCOLS

To enter the building, everyone will be subject to the following screening protocols:

1. Each person entering the building must wear a mask (not a scarf or gaiter) covering the nose and mouth. The bailiffs will provide proper masks if necessary.
2. Each person must answer a questionnaire with CDC questions and have a no-contact temperature check. A reading of 100.4* will trigger denial of access to the building.

Social Distancing will be enforced. Bailiffs have the right to delay or deny access to the building and/or courtroom if safe social distancing cannot be maintained.

There will be seating limits in each courtroom.

Docket times will continue to be staggered to limit the amount of people in all courthouses and courtrooms.

Filings by mail and use of the drop box are strongly suggested (**motions filed by email will not be accepted**).

Remote hearings will continue to be used for certain types of cases.

BAIL REVIEWS

Bail reviews will continue to be heard remotely.

**Family members can join the call but should not appear in person.

Males will be heard at Wabash

Monday - 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Tuesday through Friday - 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Tuesday after a Monday holiday

or

Monday after a Friday holiday - 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Females/ Juveniles

Hargrove at 1:30 PM every day

To be included on an invite for a Bail Review, you must call Christina Scott at 410-878-8107 or email Christina.Scott@mdcourts.gov by 9 AM.

CRIMINAL / TRAFFIC

CRIMINAL CASES (NON DV) (Beginning on December 29, 2021)

All criminal cases involving **non-incarcerated defendants** will be postponed until sometime after March 6, 2022 subject to new orders.

The Preliminary hearing dockets will be held to enter indictment numbers or for reductions remotely. Preliminary hearing docket dates and times will remain the same.

All cases involving incarcerated defendants set for December 29, 2021- January 7, 2022 will be postponed for two weeks.

Incarcerated defendants will have remote initial hearings beginning on January 10, 2022. In person trials will be set sometime after February 8, 2022.

Defendants who are on home monitoring or home detention will be considered to be incarcerated and may appear remotely or in person for their initial court hearing.

**Attorneys who have entered their appearance will be sent information to join the remote dockets. To be added to the remote docket (for incarcerated defendants), please call:

Eastside cases: 410-878-8500 (remote docket starts at 9:00)

Hargrove cases: 410-878-8300 (remote docket starts at 10:00)

Wabash cases: 410-878-8000 (remote docket starts at 9:00)

Motions for JTP may be filed in advance preferably by drop box or mail.

Preliminary matters for incarcerated and non-incarcerated defendants (NP, Stet, JTP, Guilty Plea) may be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

VOP's

VOP hearings for incarcerated defendants will be scheduled to be heard remotely before the VOP judge. Parties will be notified of the VOP hearing date.

TRAFFIC

Defendants who are incarcerated on traffic charges will have remote initial hearings beginning on January 10, 2022.

In person trials for incarcerated defendants will be set sometime after February 8, 2022.

Preliminaries for defendants who are incarcerated on traffic charges and for defendants who are not incarcerated but are charged with DUI/DWI's (NP, Stet, JTP, Guilty Pleas) may be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

All other traffic cases will be postponed until sometime after March 6, 2022.

Motions for JTP may be filed in advance preferably by drop box or mail.

CRIMINAL DV

Criminal DV cases will continue to be heard in person and remotely at Eastside.

Remote initial hearings for **incarcerated defendants** will be heard in E1 beginning on January 10, 2022 on the scheduled trial date. In person trials will be set in E5 at least 10 days from the date of the remote hearing (and after February 8) so that the defendant can be tested 3 days prior to transport.

The criminal DV dockets start at 9:00, 10:30, 1:30, and 3:00 (the summons times are 30 minutes prior to the start of the dockets).

Preliminaries (NP, Stet, JTP, Guilty Plea) for criminal DV cases may be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

Motions for JTP may be filed in advance preferably by drop box or mail.

PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS

Drug, Mental Health and Veteran's Treatment Courts will be heard remotely.

RED LIGHT, SPEED CAMERA, EZ PASS, MTA CITATIONS, EXPUNGEMENTS, NATURAL RESOURCES, PARKING CITATIONS

All matters will be postponed until sometime after March 6, 2022.

CIVIL PROTECTIVE AND PEACE ORDERS

Temporary and final Protective and Peace Order hearings will continue to be heard in person at the Eastside District Courthouse.

If all parties and the court agree, some cases may be heard remotely.

Hearings with **incarcerated litigants** will continue to be heard remotely.

The dockets start at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00, and 3:00 (the summons times are 15 minutes prior to the start of the dockets).

CIVIL

Beginning on December 29, 2021, the Civil Division will hear the following types of cases **only (all other cases will be postponed and reset sometime after March 6, 2022)**:

CIVIL:

- (1) emergency evaluation petitions
- (2) quarantine and isolation violation petitions
- (3) body attachments
- (4) temporary restraining orders
- (5) remote pre-trial conferences

LANDLORD/TENANT:

- (1) rent escrow actions, provided local inspection practices are capable of being conducted
- (2) tenant holding over actions and any associated warrants of restitution
- (3) any breach of lease actions and any associated warrants of restitution
- (4) any wrongful detainer actions and any associated warrants of restitution
- (5) processing of warrants of restitution for failure to pay rent actions

All motions for remote hearings on these matters will be considered.

Submission of evidence and documents in the civil division for remote hearings is by email at: dcbalcityfayette@mdcourts.gov

Include your telephone number, email address, and case information on all filings so you can be contacted remotely.

COVID QUESTIONNAIRE

To gain faster access into the Court building:

Copy the COVID questionnaire and fill it out before entering the building. Have your client do the same. The questionnaire is in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire is very important and must be answered truthfully. Bailiffs may deny access to the courthouses based on the answers and temperature check. If someone tests positive, this questionnaire will be used for contact tracing. The health department will know who may have had contact with someone infected. Having your phone number will allow you to be notified so that you and your family can be kept safe.

Please also understand that the bailiffs may have to ask people to delay entering the courtrooms or court buildings to maintain proper distancing. The health and safety of our employees, our justice partners, and the public is paramount to the judiciary.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Halee F. Weinstein
Administrative Judge
District Court- Baltimore City

DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND INITIAL SCREENING QUESTIONNAIRE

For infection control purposes, I need to ask you a few questions:	
1. Have you tested positive for COVID 19 in the past 5 days? If yes, entry is denied.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Are you currently experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19, such as: fatigue, nasal congestion, runny nose, head/body aches, cough, fever (either subjective, or measured), chills, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, or any other flu-like symptoms?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Have you been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the past five (5) days and completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted or completed the primary series of J&J COVID-19 vaccine over 2 months ago and are not boosted from COVID-19 or are unvaccinated?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. Current body temperature is _____ (Bailiff / Screener will complete).	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



Individuals who answer **YES** to questions 1, 2 or 3 on the Initial Screening Questionnaire, or have a temperature of 100.4°F [38°C] or higher **OR** refuse to participate in the screening process **must** be denied access to the facility.

Names of Individual Seeking Access: _____ (please print)

Address of Individual Seeking Access: _____

Phone Number of Individual Seeking Access: _____

Access Determination: _____ Approved _____ Denied

Name of staff completing form _____ Date: _____ Time: _____

(Please Print)

TRIBUNAL DE DISTRITO DE MARYLAND CUESTIONARIO DE SELECCIÓN INICIAL

Para fines de control de infecciones, necesito hacerle algunas preguntas:	
1. ¿Ha dado positivo por COVID 19 en los últimos 5 días? En caso afirmativo, se deniega la entrada.	<input type="checkbox"/> Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. ¿Está experimentando actualmente algún síntoma de COVID-19, como: fatiga, congestión nasal, secreción nasal, dolores de cabeza/cuerpo, tos, fiebre (ya sea subjetiva o medida), escalofríos, dificultad para respirar, dificultad para respirar, nuevos pérdida del gusto o del olfato, náuseas, vómitos, diarrea o cualquier otro síntoma parecido a la gripe?	<input type="checkbox"/> Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. ¿Ha estado expuesto a alguien con COVID-19 en los últimos cinco (5) días y completó la serie primaria de la vacuna Pfizer o Moderna COVID-19 hace más de 6 meses y no recibió refuerzo ni completó la serie primaria de J&J COVID- 19 vacuna hace más de 2 meses y no están reforzados de COVID-19 o no están vacunados?	<input type="checkbox"/> Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No
4. La temperatura corporal actual es _____ (El alguacil/evaluador completará).	<input type="checkbox"/> Sí <input type="checkbox"/> No



A las personas que respondan **SÍ** a las preguntas 1, 2 o 3 en el Cuestionario de evaluación inicial, o que tengan una temperatura de 100.4 °F [38 °C] o más **O** se nieguen a participar en el proceso de evaluación, se les debe negar el acceso a la instalación.

Nombre del individuo que solicita el acceso: _____
(en letra de imprenta)

Dirección del individuo que solicita el acceso: _____

Número de teléfono del individuo que solicita el acceso: _____

Determinación sobre el acceso: _____ Aprobado _____ Negado

Nombre del personal que completa el formulario: _____ Hora: _____ Fecha: _____
(en letra de imprenta)