

Kent County

Beginning Monday, June 8th, the clerk's office will be on a rotation schedule due to social distancing. Once protective screens are installed between the clerks work stations, all employees will be required to return to the office.

The county will be cleaning the building between noon and 1:00 pm each day.

During Phase II the court will be holding preliminary hearings, DV/PO's, criminal and must appear traffic cases, pleas, stets and nolle prosequi's through June. Sentences will be deferred as appropriate. Any contested matters will be postponed and set for trial in July, the latter part of Phase II. Priority will be given to incarcerated defendants. Any fines and costs will be deferred until after the clerk's office is open to the public so there is no contact. The court is not planning to issue any bench warrants for defendants who fail to appear but will postpone cases until Phase III. Bail reviews and fugitive warrants will continue to be done remotely. DV/PO's are being heard in the courtroom within 7 days of being issued by the commissioner. We are limiting the number of defendants in the courtroom to maintain social distancing. There will be a limit on the number of criminal and must appear traffic cases set to 4 per session.

Payable traffic tickets have been rescheduled to September and beyond.

No civil matters will be addressed in Phase 2.

The court has reduced the docket sizes for July through December to accommodate social distancing requirements.