

# BALTIMORE CITY DISTRICT COURT

## PHASE V PLAN OF OPERATIONS – Beginning March 7, 2022

### COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

1. No person who has been diagnosed with and remains ill with COVID-19 or has not been fully vaccinated and is aware of having been exposed to a person infected with COVID-19 and is within the quarantine period shall enter the courthouses.
2. All persons who **are not fully vaccinated** pursuant to CDC definitions **SHALL** wear a face mask which completely covers the nose, mouth, and chin. KN95 masks will be available for distribution at the scanners for persons entering the courthouses.
3. All persons who have been fully vaccinated have the option of wearing a face mask.
4. COVID-19 screening questions and temperature checks will cease.
5. There will be 3' of physical distancing in the courtrooms and hallways.
6. Bailiffs have the right to delay or deny access to the building and/or courtrooms if physical distancing cannot be maintained.
7. Bailiffs have the right to remove or deny access to any person who does not comply with these protocols.

### BAIL REVIEWS

Bail reviews will continue remotely through April 1, 2022. **Beginning on April 4, 2022, attorneys shall appear in person.**

Family members may join the remote call or appear in person through April 1, 2022. **Beginning on April 4, 2022, family members must appear in person to attend bail review hearings.**

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 Tanya Alexander at 410-878-8014 or email [Tanya.Alexander@mdcourts.gov](mailto:Tanya.Alexander@mdcourts.gov).

## **CRIMINAL / VOPs/TRAFFIC / SPECIALTY DOCKETS**

Beginning on March 7, 2022, all criminal and traffic dockets will be heard on 4 staggered dockets starting at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 3:00 pm.

Summonses will state 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:30 pm.

### **CRIMINAL CASES (NON DV) AND VOPs**

Criminal cases, including Preliminary Hearings, will be heard in person.

Preliminary matters may be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

VOPs may be heard in person or remotely (incarcerated defendants) at the discretion of the court.

### **CRIMINAL DV**

Criminal DV cases will continue to be heard in person and remotely in E5. All attorneys are to appear in person.

Preliminaries for criminal DV cases may be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

### **PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS**

Drug, Mental Health and Veterans Treatment Courts may be heard in person and remotely at the discretion of the court.

### **TRAFFIC**

Traffic cases, incarcerable and non-incarcerable, will be heard in person on staggered dockets.

Preliminaries matters for traffic cases may be accelerated and heard remotely if all parties and the court agree.

### **RED LIGHT, SPEED CAMERA, EZ PASS, MTA CITATIONS, EXPUNGEMENTS**

These matters will be heard in person on staggered dockets starting at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, and 3:00 pm. Summonses will state 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 2:30 pm.

### **PARKING**

The Parking docket will continue to be heard remotely and start at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 2:00 pm.

### **CIVIL PROTECTIVE AND PEACE ORDERS**

Temporary and final protective hearings will continue to be heard in person at the Eastside Court building on 6 staggered dockets beginning at 9:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm, and 3:00 pm.

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

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

## **CIVIL**

All Civil matters will be heard in person beginning on March 7, 2022. Cases will be heard on staggered docket times.

**Requests for remote hearings will be considered. However, given the large backlog of cases in the Civil division and the significant increase in the time required to hear cases remotely, attorneys and litigants should offer compelling reasons when filing motions for cases to be heard remotely. Include telephone numbers, email addresses, and case information on all filings for remote hearings.**

Submission of evidence and documents in the Civil Division for remote hearings is by email at: [dcbaltcityfayette@mdcourts.gov](mailto:dcbaltcityfayette@mdcourts.gov)

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District Court

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