

The court has posted a detailed plan for adjustments in operations for all case types on its website in light of the current public health emergency. For more information, counsel and parties are asked to review the plan.

The court is limiting the matters it will hear before May 1, 2020. A summary of the plan is as follows:

- The court is not closing and is open for all new filings and pleadings in any Division. Electronic filing will continue.
- All jury trials in progress shall proceed as scheduled – jurors in those trials should report.
- New jury trials in criminal cases including those with detained defendants are deferred until at least March 30 and may be extended beyond then – all persons summoned for jury duty from March 16-27 should not come to the courthouse.
- The court will only hear emergency matters in the Civil, Family Court, Probate and Tax Divisions and Auditor Master – in general all other matters are continued but counsel and parties should review the plan to be certain.
- All evictions including those involving foreclosed homeowners are stayed.
- All Stay Away Orders and all Protection Orders in Domestic Violence cases are extended until May 1. Petitioners seeking new protection orders will have access to the court processes.
- The court will conduct hearings in the following matters in criminal cases:

- Drug Court and Mental Health Community Court
  - Extradition matters
  - Presentment of indictments and other grand jury matters
  - Presentments, arraignments, preliminary hearings and status hearings for detained defendants
  - Pretrial and Probation show cause hearings
  - Motions to review conditions of release
- The Family Court will conduct hearings in the following matters:
    - Juvenile cases: initial hearings, trials with detained respondents, petition for writ of habeas corpus and JBDP and HOPE court hearings for detained respondents.
    - Mental Health Commission hearings for inpatient respondents
    - Mental Health (MHE) Probable Cause hearings
    - Abuse and Neglect Cases: New removals/initial hearings and all trials to achieve permanency, unless continued by consent of all parties.
- The Marriage Bureau will be open to issue marriage licenses. Wedding ceremonies previously scheduled will go forward, please limit the numbers of attendees. If you wish to reschedule your ceremony, please contact the Marriage Bureau at [202-879-1212](tel:202-879-1212) . No additional weddings will be scheduled.