

COVID-19 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION OPERATIONS

DVD Clerk's Office: The DVD Clerk's Office will be available remotely by phone at (202)879-0157 and email at domesticviolencemanagement@dcsc.gov for any inquiries. Phone lines will remain open during business hours from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

DV Intake Centers: The Domestic Violence Intake Centers will be closed, but you can be connected with resources through the DC SAFE Crisis Response Team at (800) 407-5048 which is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Additionally, a list of legal service providers can be found in the document titled Legal Assistance in Civil Domestic Violence Matters, which is available at <https://www.dccourts.gov/coronavirus>.

Domestic Violence Misdemeanor (DVMs) and Criminal Contempt Cases (CCCs)

All DVM and CCC matters scheduled between May 18 and June 19 will be continued to the date listed in the attached Scheduling Order except as listed below:

- 1) Detained Defendants:** The Division will hear matters in which defendants are detained in the DVM or CCC case (e.g. a 1329(a) or 1322 hold) based upon the procedures below:
 - DVM and CCC Non-Jury Trials with Detained Defendants: These matters will be converted to status hearings and heard remotely in Remote Courtroom 118. The assigned judge will contact the parties at least one week prior to the hearing regarding scheduling and logistics.
 - DVM and CCC Detention Hearings: These hearings will be scheduled based *upon defense counsel's request*, at least one week prior to the requested hearing date and with a representation that the defendant consents to appear by video or teleconference, in consultation with the government. These matters will be heard remotely in Remote Courtroom 118. All parties will appear remotely, with witnesses appearing via videoconference to be coordinated by the sponsoring party, with the technical assistance of the court. One Domestic Violence Division judge will be assigned to the courtroom for the day. These hearings will take place on Thursdays.
 - All Other Matters with Detained Defendants (including, but not limited to, status, probation show cause, DSA review, sentencing): Hearings will be scheduled *upon the joint request of both parties* at least one week prior to the requested hearing date and with the representation of defense counsel that the defendant consents to appear by video or teleconference. These matters will be heard remotely in Remote Courtroom 118. Victim impact statements may be received in writing, via video or teleconference and shall be coordinated by the government with the technical

assistance of the court. One Domestic Violence Division judge will be assigned to the courtroom on Tuesdays to handle these cases.

2) Cases in Which a Defendant is Released:

Upon agreement and consent of both parties, released defendants with scheduled court dates may request a status date for a remote plea hearing on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday in Remote Courtroom 118. When requesting the hearing, the parties must email the assigned calendar judge at least one week prior to the requested hearing date and provide all of the following information:

1. A representation that both parties consent to a remote hearing.
2. Phone numbers and email addresses for all parties participating.
3. All appropriate documents signed by the parties and emailed to chambers two days prior to the hearing, including the plea agreement and waiver of trial form, any addendum, a written and agreed-upon factual proffer, any relevant Deferred Sentencing Agreement, and any other necessary plea paperwork.

These cases will be scheduled based on availability, to be determined by the assigned calendar judge.

Arraignments: DVM arraignments will continue to be heard in Courtroom C10. CCC arraignments scheduled before June 19th will be continued.

Bench warrant returns in DVM and CCC cases will take place in Courtroom C10.

Pretrial and Probation Show Cause Hearings may take place when deemed necessary by the calendar judge. Non-emergency show cause hearings will be continued to the date set forth in the scheduling order. New show cause hearings may be scheduled based on requests for expedited hearings, which shall be filed to the DV calendar judge. Where appropriate, an emergency show cause hearing will take place in Courtroom C10. AVRs or pretrial reports that do not contain an expedited hearing request will be addressed after the court returns to normal operations.

Civil Protection Order Cases (CPOs) and Temporary Protection Orders (TPOs)

Expiration Dates for TPOs: All existing TPO expiration dates shall be extended to the future date consistent with the attached Scheduling Order issued by the presiding judge. Any new TPOs issued between the date of the issuance of this order through June 19, 2020, will be extended to the court date listed in the Scheduling Order.

Expiration Dates for CPOs: All existing CPO expiration dates shall be extended to June 19, 2020, unless otherwise ordered by the court. All existing CPOs that would have expired prior to June 19, 2020, will expire on that date unless a Motion to Extend is filed prior to June 19, 2020.

Requests for TPOs remain available online.

- **Filing for a TPO:** If you are in immediate danger, you should call 911. If you wish to file for a TPO or CPO, you can do so in two ways:
 1. You may contact the DC SAFE Crisis Response Team (CRT) at (800) 407-5048, and they can assist you with obtaining a TPO;
 2. Or you may file a Petition for a Civil Protection Order and request a TPO through www.probono.net/dccourts. You can complete and submit the forms electronically through www.probono.net/dccourts. Once you complete and submit the forms, please contact the Clerk's Office to proceed with the filing by phone at (202) 897-0157 or by email at domesticviolencemanagement@dcsc.gov.
- **TPO Hearings:** Requests for TPOs will be heard in a remote courtroom. Once a TPO is filed, the DVD Clerk's Office will provide a petitioner with the necessary information for the hearing. Filers should be prepared to write down the hearing information and be available for the court's phone call.
- If you have been served with a Temporary Protection Order or a Civil Protection Order and have a question about filing an emergency request, you can contact the Clerk's Office at (202) 879-0157.

Other TPO and CPO emergency filings may be filed online.

- Both petitioners and respondents in CPO matters may file motions through www.probono.net/dccourts.
- You may also access the Domestic Violence Division forms on the DC Courts website at <http://www.dccourts.gov/services/forms> and, after completing the form, email it to domesticviolencemanagement@dcsc.gov. If there is a form that is not available on the website, please email domesticviolencemanagement@dcsc.gov for further assistance. Once you complete and submit the form, please contact the Clerk's Office to proceed with the filing by phone at (202) 879-0157 or by email at domesticviolencemanagement@dcsc.gov. After review and based upon availability of the parties, a judge will determine whether a remote hearing is appropriate.

CPO trials and other hearings scheduled on the calendar will be continued, unless the parties reach a consent agreement.

- CPO trials and other related hearings: If your case was scheduled for any type of hearing in the DVD CPO Courtrooms 113 or 114 before June 19th, the case will be continued to the date listed in the attached Scheduling Order.
- Consent Agreements: If you have reached a consent agreement in your CPO case or on a motion, you may email the proposed consent order to DVDHearings@dcsc.gov. An attorney negotiator will review the order and confirm that both parties agree to the terms. A judge in Remote Courtroom 119 will hear the case if appropriate. The assigned judge will provide further instructions for the parties to participate in the hearing remotely.

Extreme Risk Protection Orders (ERPOs)

Requests for Ex Parte and Final ERPOS are available and can be made by emailing the filing to domesticviolencemanagement@dcsc.gov. The petition can be obtained from the DC Courts website. The assigned judge will hear the matter via WebEx videoconference. At the time of the filing of an ERPO, the case will be assigned a remote courtroom for a hearing.

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION

SCHEDULING ORDER

WHEREAS, in instances of emergency conditions, whether natural or otherwise, that significantly disrupt access to the operations of one or more courts or other judicial facilities of the District of Columbia or the ability of the Judiciary to operate effectively, the Joint Committee and the Chief Judges of the Court of Appeals and the Superior Court may be required to determine the extent to which court operations or judicial functions shall be modified and continue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code § 11-947(c), the Chief Judge of the D.C. Superior Court issued an emergency order dated March 18, 2020, and on May 15, 2020 extended such order, suspending all statutory and rule-based timelines and modifying the operations of the court;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that between May 15 and June 19, 2020, criminal cases in the Domestic Violence Division of the District of Columbia Superior Court shall proceed on the schedule set forth and attached hereto as Addendum A, which shall be incorporated by reference into this Domestic Violence Division Scheduling Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that between May 15 and June 19, 2020, civil cases in the Domestic Violence Division of the District of Columbia Superior Court shall proceed on the schedule set forth and attached hereto as Addendum B, which shall be incorporated by reference into this Domestic Violence Division Scheduling Order; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that individual judges need not issue orders in each of their cases to effectuate the schedules in Addendum A and Addendum B. If individual judges find it necessary to amend the schedule, it may be amended in any given case by individual order issued from the judge's chambers. Any individual chambers order shall supersede this Domestic Violence Division Scheduling Order.



Maribeth Raffinan
Presiding Judge, Domestic Violence Division

ADDENDUM A: CONTINUED NON-DETAINED DVM AND CCC SCHEDULE

CURRENT COURT DATE	CONTINUED COURT DATE
Monday, May 18, 2020	Monday, August 3, 2020
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	Tuesday, August 4, 2020
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	Wednesday, August 5, 2020
Thursday, May 21, 2020	Thursday, August 6, 2020
Friday, May 22, 2020	Friday, August 7, 2020
Monday, May 25, 2020*	n/a
Tuesday, May 26, 2020	Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Wednesday, May 27, 2020	Wednesday, August 12, 2020
Thursday, May 28, 2020	Thursday, August 13, 2020
Friday, May 29, 2020	Friday, August 14, 2020
Monday, June 1, 2020	Monday, August 17, 2020
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Wednesday, June 3, 2020	Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Thursday, June 4, 2020	Thursday, August 20, 2020
Friday, June 5, 2020	Friday, August 21, 2020
Monday, June 8, 2020	Monday, August 24, 2020
Tuesday, June 9, 2020	Tuesday, August 25, 2020
Wednesday, June 10, 2020	Wednesday, August 26, 2020
Thursday, June 11, 2020	Thursday, August 27, 2020
Friday, June 12, 2020	Friday, August 28, 2020
Monday, June 15, 2020	Monday, August 31, 2020
Tuesday, June 16, 2020	Tuesday, September 1, 2020
Wednesday, June 17, 2020	Wednesday, September 2, 2020
Thursday, June 18, 2020	Thursday, September 3, 2020
Friday, June 19, 2020	Friday, September 4, 2020

*Memorial Day Holiday

ADDENDUM B: CONTINUED CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER SCHEDULE

ORIGINAL CPO COURT DATE / TPO ISSUE DATE	CONTINUED CPO COURT DATE / TPO EXPIRATION DATE
Monday, May 18, 2020	Monday, July 20, 2020
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	Tuesday, July 21, 2020
Wednesday, May 20, 2020	Wednesday, July 22, 2020
Thursday, May 21, 2020	Thursday, July 23, 2020
Friday, May 22, 2020	Friday, July 24, 2020
Tuesday, May 26, 2020	Monday July 27, 2020 or Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Wednesday, May 27, 2020	Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Thursday, May 28, 2020	Thursday, July 30, 2020
Friday, May 29, 2020	Friday, July 31, 2020
Monday, June 1, 2020	Monday, August 3, 2020
Tuesday, June 2, 2020	Tuesday, August 4, 2020
Wednesday, June 3, 2020	Wednesday, August 5, 2020
Thursday, June 4, 2020	Thursday, August 6, 2020
Friday, June 5, 2020	Friday, August 7, 2020
Monday, June 8, 2020	Monday, August 10, 2020
Tuesday, June 9, 2020	Tuesday, August 11, 2020
Wednesday, June 10, 2020	Wednesday, August 12, 2020
Thursday, June 11, 2020	Thursday, August 13, 2020
Friday, June 12, 2020	Friday, August 14, 2020
Monday, June 15, 2020	Monday, August 17, 2020
Tuesday, June 16, 2020	Tuesday, August 18, 2020
Wednesday, June 17, 2020	Wednesday, August 19, 2020
Thursday, June 18, 2020	Thursday, August 20, 2020
Friday, June 19, 2020	Friday, August 21, 2020

DV Division Courtroom Operations starting 5/18/20

Courtroom	Type of Case	Daily Operations	Judge	Technology
117	TPO (Primary)	M/T/W/Th/F: remote TPOs	Assigned via Remote TPO Calendar	Video & audio
114	TPO (Backup)	M/T/W/Th/F: remote TPOs	Assigned via Remote TPO Calendar	Audio only
118	DVM & CCC	Th: detention hearings (max. of 3) T: other hearings for detained defendants (max. of 5) M/W/F: hearings for released defendants (based on capacity)	Th: Assigned magistrate judge T: Raffinan/McCabe M/W/F: Raffinan/McCabe	Video & audio
119	CPO	M/T/W/Th/F: remote CPO matters (based on capacity)	Lee/Knowles	Video & audio