

The Declaration of Judicial Emergency in response to COVID-19 has been extended for the period through April 26, 2020. The General District Court will continue to suspend all traffic, criminal, and civil court dockets through April 26, 2020. The clerks' offices are open with limited staff to address essential case processing only which includes arraignments, bond motions, and protective orders. If your client is incarcerated and you feel his or her case needs to be addressed, we will be accepting emergency motions set on a 1:30 p.m. docket for status of the case and why there is a need for action to be taken at this time. You must provide a copy to the Court and notice to the Commonwealth Attorney's office.

The civil clerk's office is open with limited staff to accept civil case filings from attorneys. If you are filing an unlawful detainer, we are asking that the court date be set out 8 weeks with the first available Friday docket being May 15 at 1:30 p.m. Due to the expected large number of filings, we are adding additional unlawful detainer return dockets for attorney's only at 1:30 p.m. on May 14 and each following Thursday until further notice. For all other civil case filings, we are asking that your court date be set out until at least July 1, 2020.

For traffic and criminal cases that were set for the weeks of March 23rd through March 27th and March 30th through April 6th; those cases will be continued to the Officer's court date in August. Please have patience with us as we work through assessing the case load and continuation of cases from April 7 through April 26. Until further notice, we will resume business as usual on April 27, 2020.

Wallace S. Covington, Chief Judge
Rhonda A. Daley, Clerk of General District Court