

Juvenile Court frequently asked questions in reference to COVID-19

Frequently asked questions about Juvenile Court's emergency measures in response to coronavirus (COVID-19).

General

Are the courts open for business?

Yes, courthouses are open to the public for limited purposes. Most court business continues to be conducted virtually (by telephone, videoconference, email, or comparable means, or through the electronic filing system) wherever possible. Exceptions continue to be made for matters that cannot be addressed virtually.

What do I do if I am unable to reach anyone in the clerk's office by telephone?

If you are unable to reach anyone in the clerk's office at a courthouse that is listed as being open, please call the Trial Court Help Line at 833-91COURT. Your call will be directed to the appropriate court.

You can also check the listing of court closures at, "[Courthouse Closures due to COVID-19](#)".

What do I do if my local court is closed?

You should confirm that your local court is closed by checking the listing of court closures at, "[Courthouse Closures due to COVID-19](#)". Once you have confirmed that your local court is closed, please call the Trial Court Help Line at 833-91COURT for assistance.

What if I had a previous court date scheduled?

Counsel or parties should contact the clerk's office to determine if the scheduled event is going to take place, if it will take place virtually or in person, or if the event that has been continued to another date.

To locate the telephone number for the appropriate courthouse for you, please go to "[Find a Courthouse Serving You](#)".

What if I had a trial date previously scheduled?

Phase I for jury trials in both criminal and civil cases in state courts began on January 11, 2021 in limited court locations.

Delinquency and youthful offender bench trials will be held in person unless all of the parties and trial judge agree to conduct the trial virtually. Care and Protection bench trials may be held virtually at the discretion of the trial judge.

Counsel or parties should contact the clerk's office to determine the status of their jury or bench trial.