

FAYETTE DISTRICT COURT

On June 1, 2020, the Fayette District Court will expand the types of cases and proceedings it will hear. Pursuant to Kentucky Supreme Court Orders 2020-39, -43, and -44, the Fayette District Court hereby enters the following:

COURTROOM ATTENDANCE SHALL BE LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS, PARTIES, WITNESSES AND OTHER NECESSARY PERSONS AS DETERMINED BY THE JUDGE. ALL INDIVIDUALS ARE ADVISED TO WEAR A MASK AND ADHERE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDANCE PROVIDED INSIDE THE COURTHOUSE. IN NO EVENT MAY ATTENDANCE EXCEED 33% OF THE COURTROOM'S OCCUPANCY CAPACITY PURSUANT TO KENTUCKY SUPREME COURT ORDERS 2020-39, -43 and -44.

REMOTE COURT APPEARANCES:

ATTORNEYS: You and your client(s) must contact the Fayette District Court Judges Chambers, at 859-246-2247, within one (1) hour of the court date for further instructions on how to appear remotely.

PRELIMINARY HEARING AND PRETRIAL DOCKETS:

Beginning Monday, June 1: OUT-OF-CUSTODY Court will resume with limited capacity. All hearings will be held remotely unless the Court determines a matter requires in-person attendance. **IN-CUSTODY** Defendants shall appear via Zoom for Preliminary Hearings (8:30 am) and Misdemeanor Pretrials (10:00 am).

ARRAIGNMENT DOCKET:

Beginning Monday, June 1: OUT-OF-CUSTODY Court will resume with limited capacity. All hearings will be held remotely unless the Court determines a matter requires in-person attendance. **IN-CUSTODY** Defendants shall appear via Zoom for the Arraignment docket. Those Defendants will be called at **2:30 pm.**

JUVENILE DOCKET:

Beginning Monday, June 1: OUT-OF-CUSTODY Court will resume with limited capacity. All hearings will be held remotely unless the Court determines a matter requires in-person attendance. **IN-CUSTODY** parties shall appear via Zoom.

PROBATE, CIVIL AND SMALL CLAIMS DOCKETS:

Beginning Monday, June 1: Court will resume with limited capacity. All hearings will be held remotely unless the Court determines a matter requires in-person attendance.

MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY HEARINGS:

Beginning Monday, June 1: Court will resume with limited capacity. All hearings will be held remotely unless the Court determines a matter requires in-person attendance. All in-person hearings will be held in Courtroom #4 located on the Third Floor.

TRAFFIC COURT DOCKETS:

Beginning Monday, June 1: Court will resume with limited capacity. All hearings will be held remotely unless the Court determines a matter requires in-person attendance.

EVICCTIONS: See Supreme Court Order 2020-44, Section B(1) for additional guidance.

1. **Beginning, Monday, June 1,** the following matters may be filed and action allowed to proceed:
 - a. Notices of, or any motions or other papers related to, voluntary dismissal of an eviction action pursuant to CR 41.01;

- b. Pleadings, motions, or other papers associated with an eviction from a residential premises for which the Office of the Governor has granted Plaintiff an exemption from suspension of evictions under Executive Order 2020-257, paragraph 5;
 - c. Pleadings, motions, or other papers associated with an eviction from residential premises for a reason other than non-payment of rent or other fees or charges; and
 - d. Pleadings, motions or other papers associated with an eviction from non-residential premises.
Id.
2. Until the expiration of the State of Emergency declared in Governor Beshear's Executive Order 2020-15, evictions from all residential premises for non-payment of rent are suspended. *Id.*
 3. Until the expiration of the State of Emergency declared in Governor Beshear's Executive Order OR July 25, 2020, whichever is later in time, evictions for non-payment of rent or other fees or charges from "covered dwellings" as defined in Section 4024 of the CARES Act are prohibited. *Id.*
 4. Until the expiration of the State of Emergency declared in Governor Beshear's Executive Order OR the expiration of the forbearance granted under Section 4023 of the CARES Act, whichever is later in time, evictions for non-payment of rent or other fees or charges from dwelling units located in or on residential multifamily properties subject to federally backed multifamily mortgage loans that are in forbearance are prohibited. *Id.*
 5. If a movant is filing under paragraphs 2-5 of this Order, an AOC Form 1026.1, Verification of Compliance, must be filed with the Circuit Court Clerk. *Id.*

FINE PAYMENT DOCKETS: Suspended until after November 1, 2020.

CHILD SUPPORT DOCKETS: Suspended until after October 1, 2020.

JURY TRIALS: Suspended until after August 1, 2020.



**HON. T. BRUCE BELL, CHIEF JUDGE
FAYETTE DISTRICT COURT**

DATED: 6-1-20