

Due to Fayette County's status as a "red" county, and based upon strong recommendations from our Supreme Court, the Fayette County Family Court will be implementing some restrictions, effective immediately:

- (1) All matters, other than those detailed below, will now be held by Zoom or other remote means;
- (2) The domestic violence docket will continue to be held in person. We will continue to make exceptions for parties or counsel to appear by telephone upon request. Any domestic violence hearing that is set "off docket" and involving two or more pro se parties may continue to be held in person, although these hearings can certainly be held remotely at request;
- (3) Any domestic violence "off docket" hearing that involves two attorneys will be held by Zoom or other remote means;
- (4) Any domestic violence "off docket" hearing that involves at least one attorney is strongly encouraged to be held remotely, if counsel can contact the unrepresented party and arrange for that party to appear remotely;
- (5) The dependency, neglect, and abuse dockets will continue to be held by Zoom or other remote means. It is the responsibility of counsel to contact your clients and arrange for them to appear electronically or by telephone.
- (6) If you are unable to contact your client, and they show up at the courthouse, they will be given your phone number and instructed to call you immediately; we will continue the hearing to give you time to consult with the client before proceeding. On the rare times when the client does not have an operating cell phone, we will try to have a computer available in one of the outside witness rooms for them to use solely to participate in the Zoom hearing, or we will continue the hearing until the client contacts you.
- (7) Only parties and witnesses will be allowed in the courthouse (no family, etc.);
- (8) Motion hours will continue to be held remotely. No parties shall appear in person. The Fayette Circuit Court has determined that an exception to this policy will be made for tomorrow, October 30, 2020, due to the difficulties of contacting pro se parties on such short notice;
- (9) In person conferencing for child support and paternity dockets will cease effectively immediately. However, it is expected that the county attorney may quickly shift to a remote platform to hold those dockets soon. New information will be disseminated upon receipt;
- (10) These restrictions apply only to the Fayette Family Court.