



CORONAVIRUS NOTICE

TO ALL PARTIES, ATTORNEYS, WITNESSES, JURORS, AND THE PUBLIC

To reduce the spread of the COVID-19/Coronavirus, the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia implements the following guidance for all judicial offices:

1. If you have COVID-19 or if you have been exposed to a known case of the disease, DO NOT COME TO COURT. Please contact judicial staff by telephone for guidance. For matters in circuit court, please contact the office of the presiding judge. For matters in magistrate court, please contact the Magistrate Clerk's Office. For matters in family court, please contact the office of the presiding judge. For all other questions, please contact the Circuit Clerk's Office. For matters before the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, please contact the Supreme Court Clerk's Office.
2. Court officials may order a person with suspected COVID-19 symptoms to leave the court facility.
3. Parties and attorneys infected by or exposed to COVID-19, or those substantially affected by public health containment efforts, are encouraged to timely seek extensions in-time, continuances, modified schedules, or accommodations if circumstances warrant.
4. Individuals that fraudulently use public health efforts to impact court proceedings for personal gain or to avoid a legal obligation may be subject to civil or criminal contempt proceedings and penalties and/or sanctions. Attorneys violating the West Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct may be subject to referral to the West Virginia Office of Disciplinary Counsel.
5. Individuals with questions about COVID-19 should consult their health care provider, or call the State's 24/7 COVID-19 hotline: 1-800-887-4304. General information is also available from the West Virginia Department of Health & Human Resources at www.coronavirus.wv.gov.