



COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, OHIO
DELAWARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
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Update May 2021: **Court Operations in the General Division**

At the courthouse, we are following the new guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control allowing vaccinated individuals to remove masks. Please note that those individuals who are not vaccinated are required to wear masks and socially distance. We are continuing to follow our previously implemented measures to protect everyone in the building.

- Hand sanitizer is readily available at the courthouse entrance and elsewhere in the building.
- Restrooms are available throughout the courthouse, and all of them are well-stocked with plenty of soap.
- The courthouse is being cleaned and disinfected multiple times every day.
- Court staff members are monitoring their health daily, and they are not permitted to come to the courthouse if they are ill.

If you are feeling ill, please stay home rather than coming to the courthouse.

The following changes for hearings in the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County will be implemented on June 14, 2021.

Judge David M. Gormley's Hearing Procedures:

Any hearings scheduled before Judge Gormley will follow these procedures:

- All criminal and civil hearings will be conducted in-person unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- In-custody defendants will appear via Zoom from the Delaware County Jail on the following types of hearings, unless otherwise ordered: arraignments, bond violations, pre-trial conferences, community control violation hearings, and

intervention violation hearings. Attorneys are required to appear in-person unless otherwise ordered, as are any testifying witnesses, crime victims, or other interested persons who want to listen to or watch courtroom hearings or trials.

- In-custody defendants will appear in-person on the following types of hearings, unless otherwise ordered: change of plea hearings, sentencings, evidentiary hearings, and trials.

Judge James P. Schuck's Hearing Procedures:

Any hearings scheduled before Judge Schuck will follow the following procedures:

- Most criminal and civil hearings will provide for the option to appear either in-person or via Zoom. If the court is requiring in-person appearance, it will be noted on the online docket. Generally, in-person appearance is required for evidentiary hearings, trials, and preferred when the attorney's client is appearing in-person.
- In-custody defendants will appear via Zoom from the Delaware County Jail unless ordered to be in-person by the court. Generally, in-person appearance for in-custody defendants will be required for evidentiary hearings, certain sentencing hearings, and trials.

Initial Appearance Docket Procedures:

- The initial appearances scheduled at 1:00 p.m. daily before a magistrate will provide for the option for counsel to appear either in-person or via Zoom.
- In-custody defendants will appear via Zoom from the Delaware County Jail.

Access to our offices . . .

For those who need to visit us or our staff in our office workspace – as opposed to the courtrooms – you may now visit the judges' chambers area. We are removing the fifth-floor drop box.

We remain committed to protecting both public health and equal access to justice as we navigate the challenges posed by the coronavirus. Please contact our offices about any questions or concerns.

David M. Gormley
James P. Schuck