

Thirty-Second (32nd) Judicial District

The courts of Delaware County (32nd judicial district) remain operational per Emergency Revised Scheduling and Operational Protocols - As of November 12, 2020

Recognizing that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has directed, *inter alia*, that the Commonwealth's judicial districts while remaining focused on the discharge of critical court functions must now additionally make constant best efforts in all other type matters to accomplish a more full-scale processing of cases, subject to the constraining safety considerations brought about by the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis, this court in appreciative consultation with core systematic stakeholders has developed and implemented plans for the criminal, civil and family sections, and the magisterial district courts, as the continuation of what is yet anticipated to be numerous purposefully measured, operational increments realizing the balance between the upmost concern of the judiciary for the safety of the court staff, all counsel, every litigant, the various witnesses of the parties, and the public generally, while also being mindful of the necessity to once more provide with regularity the timely administration of justice.

The specific details of each sectional plan, as well as that of the magisterial district courts, can be found by accessing the various emergency orders referenced immediately below. (Fifth Order Extending the Thirty-Second (32nd) Judicial District's Past Declared Emergency; Fifth Emergency Order Extension and Amendments - Magisterial District Court Operations, *as Amended*; Fifth Emergency Order Extension - Civil Section, *as Amended*; Fifth Emergency Order Extension - Family Section; and Third Emergency Order Extension – Criminal Section.)

For now, only counsel, the parties, and witnesses will be permitted access to the court house and should report about thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled start time as anyone arriving earlier will not then be allowed into the complex to limit needless loitering and foot traffic. (Further details about those currently having court house access, including credentialed press members, can be found by clicking and reading the below criminal, family and civil section, as well as magisterial district courts, emergency orders' attachments.) All those entering the court house must undergo both a security and health screening, including the taking of temperatures, and will be denied admission should they not pass the health assessment.

Thank you for your continued understanding and patience. Be well and stay healthy.