



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:
 - a. For matters in circuit court, please contact the office of the presiding judge at [Judge Blake – 304-574-4222 and Judge /Ewing – 304-574-4220].
 - b. For matters in magistrate court, please contact the Magistrate Clerk’s Office at [Magistrate Court Clerk Erin Akers 304-574-4279].
 - c. For matters in family court, please contact the office of the presiding judge at [Judge England – 304-574-3393].
 - d. For all other questions, please contact the Circuit Clerk’s Office at [Cathy Jarrett – 304-574-4348].
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**.