

## COURTS AND OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Updated May 5, 2020



### COURT OPERATIONS

**Q. Is DC Superior Court still open? How do I access court services?**

**A. Yes, DC Superior Court is technically still open but the public cannot access court buildings right now. The court is only conducting emergency hearings, criminal arraignments, certain juvenile, neglect and mental health hearings, marriages, and uncontested divorces. All other matters are being rescheduled. Most hearings are conducted remotely via WebEx app. Pleadings must be filed online at [dc.casefilexpress.com/Login.aspx](https://dc.casefilexpress.com/Login.aspx).**

Below is a general overview of court operations:

- Temporary Protection Orders (TPOs) will not expire until May 15th or next assigned court date. If you are in immediate danger, request a TPO by calling 911 or the DC SAFE Critical Response Team at (800) 407- 5048. The DV Clerk's Office is available at 202-879-0157.
- Jurors need not report.
- Marriage Bureau is processing marriage licenses remotely and performing weddings by teleconference.
- Family Court self-represented litigants filing an emergency matter should contact the Self-Help Center at 202-879-0096.
- Family Court Clerk's Office: 202-879-1212.
- Civil Actions Branch Clerk's Office: 202-879-1133.
- Landlord and Tenant Branch Clerk's Office: 202-879-4879 .
- Small Claims Branch Clerk's Office: 202-879-1120.
- Criminal Division Clerk's Office: 202-879-1373.

For help, go to: [dccourts.gov/coronavirus](https://dccourts.gov/coronavirus) or call 202-879-1400.

### ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

**Q. Can I get an administrative fair hearing if I have been denied benefits, like TANF, SNAP or unemployment compensation?**

**A. Yes, administrative hearings are being held by telephone for public benefits or unemployment insurance if benefits or services have been denied, terminated, or reduced.**

For more information about Public Benefits cases, call (202) 671-0055.

For more information about Unemployment Insurance Benefits cases, call (202) 442-8175.

For all other cases, call (202) 442-9094.

Email the Office of Administrative Hearings at [oah.filing@dc.gov](mailto:oah.filing@dc.gov).

### CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION FUND

**Q. Can I apply for and receive crime victims' compensation funds?**

**A. All applications for crime victims' compensation funds are processed remotely. New applications can be emailed to:**

**CVCPapplications@DCSC.gov or completed online at**

**[dccourts.gov/sites/default/files/CVCPApplicationMarch2020.pdf](https://dccourts.gov/sites/default/files/CVCPApplicationMarch2020.pdf).**

For help, contact the office at 202-879-4216 or [CVCPoffice@dcsc.gov](mailto:CVCPoffice@dcsc.gov).