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Inside New York City, most courthouses remain open at this time – although a number of steps have been taken to reduce traffic inside those courthouses for health reasons. Outside New York City, all court operations have been localized in a single court in each county. ([List of Localized Courts and Locations](#)). Judges and staff in all these courts are performing “essential functions” – court functions that cannot be postponed without serious consequences to the parties involved.

Essential functions in various courts include, but are not limited to, the following:

Supreme Court: Mental hygiene applications, civil commitments and guardianships, and others as the court may allow.

Family Court: Child protection proceedings, juvenile delinquency proceedings, family offenses and emergency support orders, and other as the court may allow.

Housing matters: Essential applications such as landlord lockouts, serious coded violations, and repair orders, and others as the court may allow.

New York City Criminal Court/City Courts: Criminal arraignments, requests for orders of protection, driver’s license suspension lifts and emergency applications, and others as the court may allow.

All courts: Judges may determine that other individual matters are “essential.”

Please note:

- **Jury trials** in progress in civil and criminal cases shall continue. However, no new trials will be started until further notice.
- **Special parts** – including motion parts, PC parts, compliance parts and others – have been suspended.
- **Residential evictions, court-ordered auctions, and residential foreclosure proceedings** have been suspended.
- **Rescheduling:** Parties will be advised of rescheduled Court dates when normal court business resumes.

- **Questions** about the status of any particular case should be made to the court, at telephone numbers listed at [the Court Locator](#). However, please be advised that, during this health emergency, communications may sometimes be difficult.
- **Notifications** about updates also will be sent out via the New York Courts Alert Emergency Portal (to sign up to receive alerts, visit: www.nycourts.gov/alerts/)
- **Access to New York State courthouses** by persons who have been diagnosed with or are at risk of the coronavirus is not permitted. If you have a matter with a scheduled appearance, and fit into this health category, please call the court for further information.
- **Jury service:** While most jury service has been suspended, if you receive a juror notice in coming weeks, please follow the instructions set forth on that notice. However, if you are summoned to a (grand) jury, please be aware of the *restrictions* that apply to prospective jurors at risk of the coronavirus.
- **If you believe that you are a victim of Domestic Violence or are in fear of your immediate safety, please call your local police department right away.**
- **Information about *reported coronavirus contacts in the court***
- If you have any questions relating to the coronavirus and the courts, please call the **Coronavirus Telephone Hotline at 833-503-0447**. For the latest information on coronavirus and guidance on how to protect yourself, visit: the [New York State Department of Health](#) or the [Centers for Disease Control](#). The State Department of Health also has a coronavirus hotline at 1-888-364-3065. Your healthcare professional always is the best person to consult for questions about your personal health and well-being.