

DIVISION 4

In person, out of custody appearances will resume at the downtown courthouses in the Fourth Judicial District the Monday following the Chief Justice's Order preventing them expires.

A safety and cleaning plan is being developed with Hennepin County. It will be shared with the justice partners when we receive a completed plan. (We expect information about plexi-shields in appropriate areas, hand sanitizer, and cleaning schedules.)

Pleas by mail and liberal petty resolutions will continue to be encouraged and accepted.

FIRST SIX WEEKS:

Out of custody calendars limited to domestics, DWIs, and assaults. Goal is fewer than 15 per half day per calendar (5 per hour).

One extra calendar of up to 5 defendants daily for prosecutor to designate other cases. (MAC may have more because of the nature of your cases. Work with Lidia, please, to get your calendars to be around 15 of your most pressing cases.)

Must contact Admin of the courthouse at least two weeks before the date to designate the extra cases.

Defendants will check in at the counter on C-11 for PTs. They will be called into the courtroom in small groups.

We will try to spread hearing times throughout the morning and afternoon, but notices have already been sent. Expect to work later in the afternoons.

Please discuss pretrials in advance, so there is not a line of defense attorneys to talk to prosecutors.

EVD hearings can be submitted on paper by agreement. Admin will assign the motion to a judge.

EVD hearings that are not resolved will go forward as scheduled.

CONTINUED:

Other case types continued to July and August.

No court trials until July.

JURY TRIALS:

No juries for out of custody cases through mid-June at the earliest.

Cases will stay on the trial calendar if you do not contact the court with a settlement or joint request to continue the trial.

Master Trial Calendar will be divided ahead of time, so check the boards for your courtroom. Do not all go to 1159.

WEEK 7 AND BEYOND:

All types of cases heard.

There will be a large back-up of cases not settled by mail.

Will work later into the afternoon/early evening.

Communicate with Lidia Morales about extra calendar needs.