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The New Castle County Courthouse will be closed for business tomorrow, February 12, 2013. In view of the need to complete the investigation of the sad events that transpired today, to repair the facility, to allow the Capitol Police to prepare for reopening, and to otherwise ensure that the Courthouse can function at full efficiency, it would be imprudent to open tomorrow. The goal is to open for business on Wednesday, February 13, 2013. All other courthouses will be open for business as usual February 12, 2013.

"The violence today has saddened and horrified all of us. I know I can speak for our entire judiciary in thanking the Capitol Police for risking their lives to protect as many of our citizens and employees as they could. Right now, the interests of justice require that we allow law enforcement and the Department of Justice to do their jobs and to have complete control and access to the Courthouse tomorrow. We also want to make sure that the needs of our employees, jurors and witnesses who were present in the Courthouse are met," Chief Justice Myron T. Steele stated.

For employees, jurors, or other witnesses who desire counseling and help, additional information will be available on the state judiciary's website later today, which is at <http://courts.delaware.gov>.

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