

**ANNOUNCEMENT
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Statement on the Delaware Judiciary's response to Covid-19

As of today, the State of Delaware has no confirmed cases of Covid-19. There have been no substantial changes in court operations or court proceedings. However, while there is at present no cause for undue alarm, the Judiciary is aware of the potential for this public health situation to affect the court system. Accordingly, we have been in close contact with our counterparts at the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) and the Division of Public Health (DPH) to monitor the situation.

Furthermore, the Judiciary has taken measures to review and fine-tune existing plans to deal with such public health situations. The Judiciary has also been working with our contractors to focus on cleaning and disinfecting public areas of all our court facilities, with particular attention paid to surfaces like door handles, elevator buttons, and other surfaces that experience a significant amount of public contact. Staff has also worked to ensure that we have enough soap and hand sanitizer at our court facilities to fully-stock restrooms and hand sanitizer stations. Visitors to our court facilities are encouraged to make use of those resources.

The Courts have also posted a link to public health advisories on Covid-19 to its website. The Delaware Judiciary echoes public health advice that has been previously circulated, that members of the public who are experiencing symptoms such as cough, fever or other respiratory problems should stay home (and if you have a court date scheduled, please notify the appropriate parties) and that the best prevention against the spread of Covid-19 is to regularly wash your hands, avoid touching your face, and cover coughs and sneezes.

Additional information about Covid-19 and how to prevent its spread can be found here: <https://courts.delaware.gov/Forms/Download.aspx?id=120068> or the State of Delaware informational website on Covid-19 at: de.gov/coronavirus. If you have any questions you can contact the State's DPH Coronavirus call center by phone at 1-866-408-1899 or by email at DPHCall@delaware.gov.

The Judiciary will issue updated statements as warranted.