

Policy for Court Facilities Openings and Hearing Start Times When There is a Weather Delay

On any day when the opening of the Courthouse and the Magisterial District Courts is delayed due to adverse weather conditions:

- Family Business Court sessions originally scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. will commence immediately upon opening of the Courthouse or as soon as possible thereafter.
- “List event” court proceedings and full day hearings, originally scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. will commence immediately upon the opening of the Courthouse or as soon as possible thereafter (unless such proceedings are preceded by Family Business Court, in which event such proceedings will commence immediately following the completion of Family Business Court).
- Scheduling inquiries should be directed to the assigned judge’s chambers, Court Administration or the Magisterial District Court to determine what time such proceedings will commence. Chambers shall inform Court Administration as to how their matters will proceed.
- Any custody conference scheduled during the hours of closure will be rescheduled (e.g., if there is a two hour delay the 9:00 and 10:00 conferences will be rescheduled).
- All jurors who are reporting for their first day of jury service on a day that is delayed will report at noon.
- All proceedings in the Magisterial District Courts that were scheduled to commence during the period of closure shall proceed at the time of opening or as soon as possible thereafter. All other cases scheduled for the remainder of the day shall proceed as scheduled. Continuance requests related to weather conditions shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Magisterial District Judge.

DO NOT ASSUME THAT A DELAY IN OPENING RESULTS IN A CASCADING DELAY OF EVENTS SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.