

June 2020 Criminal Common Pleas Schedule

Guilty Pleas/Non-DUI ARD –Dates and times for non-custodial guilty pleas/non-DUI ARD and LCP (Lancaster County Prison) video guilty pleas are listed on the court schedule at <https://courtcals.co.lancaster.pa.us/CourtAdmin.Public/> . The blocks for incarcerated and non-incarcerated defendants will remain separate. Paperwork listed under the Virtual Guilty Plea Scheduling link on the Court website should be completed beforehand and emailed to GPdocuments@co.lancaster.pa.us

- Each non-custodial guilty plea/non-DUI ARD will be scheduled in blocks of three for every half hour period. The defendant and defense counsel will report to Virtual Hearing Room 1, located on the 1st floor of the courthouse. The District Attorney's Office will moderate the entire block. A break will be scheduled at 10:30am for 10 minutes.
- LCP video guilty pleas will be scheduled in one block. Defense Counsel will moderate guilty pleas with LCP.

Rule 150 Bench Warrants - Rule 150 bench warrants will continue to be held by Lifesize video with LCP incarcerated defendants. Defense Counsel will moderate these hearings with LCP. All walk in bench warrants will occur immediately after all videos with LCP have been completed. Rule 150 orders should be sent to judges as soon as the District Attorney's office is notified. Defense counsel will moderate the Rule 150 hearings.

Violation Hearings – Dates and times for non-custodial violation hearings and LCP Video Violation Hearings are listed on the court schedule at <https://courtcals.co.lancaster.pa.us/CourtAdmin.Public/> . The blocks for incarcerated and non-incarcerated defendants will remain separate.

- Each non-custodial violation hearing will be scheduled in 15 minutes times slots. The defendant and defense counsel will report to Virtual Hearing Room 1, located on the 1st floor of the courthouse. Probation will moderate these if a defendant is not represented by counsel.
- LCP Video Violation Hearings will be scheduled in one block. Defense Counsel will moderate violation hearings with LCP.

Status Conferences – Status conferences will remain by video until further notice. Pro se defendants will be sent notices to report to the courthouse for these conferences. The Pro Se defendants will be given staggered report times beginning at 10:30am and 3pm respectively. These hearings will be held in the courtroom of the assigned judge.

Call of the List – We will try to address each Call of the List virtually in June. Pro se defendants will now report to the courthouse. The Pro Se defendants will be given staggered report times beginning at 10:30am and 3pm respectively. These hearings will be held in the courtroom of the assigned judge.

Jury Trials – Jury Trials will not begin until at least August.

Sentencings – Sentencings will be scheduled by chambers. A video is the preferred method, but the judge may require that the defendant be transported from LCP if a prisoner.

Fines and Costs Hearings – Fines and Cost Hearings will be held and each defendant will be given a staggered report time by Adult Probation & Parole Services. A break will be scheduled at 10:30am for 10 minutes if needed. These hearings will take place in the courtroom.

Summary Court – Summary Court will be held, but scheduling will be modified by the District Attorney's Office to maintain social distancing guidelines. Summary court will be held in a courtroom.

DUI ARD hearings – DUI ARD hearings will be conducted in Courtroom A. Scheduling will be limited to a total of 27 people in the pews at the following times: 9:30, 10:30, 2, 3.

Suppression Hearings – Suppression hearings can be scheduled with chambers. These hearings will be held in a courtroom. It is up to the discretion of the judge whether the hearing can be scheduled by video.

Bench Trials – Bench trials can be scheduled with chambers. These hearings will be held in a courtroom. It is up to the discretion of the judge whether the hearing can be scheduled by video.

Miscellaneous Hearings – Miscellaneous hearings can be scheduled with chambers. It is up to the discretion of the judge whether the hearing can be scheduled by video.

PCRA - PCRA hearings can be scheduled with chambers. PCRA hearings will take place in courtroom.

Drug Court – Drug Court will occur either by video or in the courtroom when requested by the judge. If Courtroom A is available, it will be moved.

Mental Health Court – Mental Health Court will occur either by video or in the courtroom when requested by the judge. If Courtroom A is available, it will be moved.

Veteran's Court – Veteran's Court will take place in Courtroom A during the month of June.