

Portsmouth Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Portsmouth Juvenile and Domestic Relations District will operate on a limited basis starting on Monday, March 16, 2020 through Monday April 6, 2020. This means that all civil, criminal and traffic cases docketed during this time will be continued with the following exceptions:

1. Child dependency cases.
2. Emergency child custody or protective cases.
3. Protective Orders.
4. Juvenile delinquent proceedings where the juvenile is being held in a secure facility.
5. Support hearings where the defendant is being held in jail.
6. Adult criminal cases where the defendant is being held in jail, including arraignments and bond hearings.

If an adult defendant is being held in jail awaiting trial during this time period, any agreements and motions for bond or nolle prosequi will be heard expeditiously.

Continuances

Court dates will be rescheduled as quickly as possible. The clerks will contact the attorneys for available dates. All parties will be notified either by mail or Sheriff's process of their new court date. Please do not call the Clerk's Office to receive a court date.

Court Appearances

Any parties required to appear for court during this time are urged to not appear if they are ill or have had contact with someone who is ill. The court also requests that you limit the people who attend court with you to those who are absolutely necessary.

Driver's License Ceremony

The Driver's License Ceremony scheduled for April is cancelled. Drivers will be notified when the ceremonies are rescheduled.

Duty Attorneys

Civil and DCSE duty attorneys do not need to appear. Criminal duty attorneys shall call the morning of their designated duty date to determine whether their appearance is required.