

26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT OPERATIONS REFERENCE CHART
effective December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

Pandemic Response Red (*with changes noted below)	
Courtroom	Function
Business Court (Courtroom 6370)	*Business Court proceedings (hearings and trials) will continue as scheduled.
Child Support Enforcement Court (Courtroom 8110)	All actions for establishment or modification of child support brought by or through Mecklenburg County Child Support Enforcement (CSE) will be scheduled for a remote hearing. CSE Contempt matters may be scheduled for in-person hearings on the 1 st and 2 nd Mondays and Thursdays of the month and for the morning session on the 3 rd and 4 th Mondays and Thursdays of the month. Modification and establishment cases which cannot be held remotely may be scheduled for in-person hearings during the afternoon sessions on the 3 rd and 4 th Mondays and Thursdays of each month.
Civil District Court- General (Courtroom 4130, 6330)	All actions, excluding those in which the right of a contemnor to confront witnesses or be present is implicated, will be scheduled for a remote hearing using the following link: https://nccourts.webex.com/meet/meckcr6330.sh . N.C.G.S. Chapter 50C return hearings will be scheduled on Mondays at 10:00AM and 1:30PM for in-person hearings in Courtroom 6330. Divorce cases will be scheduled for remote hearings on the 1 st and 3 rd Mondays of each month using the Webex link for courtroom 4130: https://nccourts.webex.com/meet/meckcr4130.sh .
Civil Superior Court (Courtroom 6130, 6310)	Civil motions will be heard Monday through Thursday by videoconference using the following link, unless an exemption is granted to appear in person in courtroom 6310: https://nccourts.webex.com/meet/meckcr6310.sh . Civil trials will only be held in courtroom 6130.

<p>Criminal District Court (Courtroom 1130, 1150, 4150, 4170, 4310)</p>	<p>All in-person traffic court proceedings are suspended. Some remote proceedings will be held in Courtroom 1150B by appointment.</p> <p>Misdemeanor probation violations and probation violation probable cause hearings will be heard in courtroom 1150 on Tuesdays.</p> <p>Felony bond hearings and probable cause hearings will be held at 9:00AM in courtroom 1150. Defendants may waive their appearance in consultation with counsel.</p> <p>All first appearance hearings for in-custody defendants will be conducted remotely at 9:00AM on the Webex platform using: https://nccourts.webex.com/meet/MeckWebA.sh.</p> <p>Misdemeanor bond hearings will be held remotely during the first appearance session of court.</p> <p>The presiding judge will conduct the hearings in courtroom 4150.</p> <p>Victims and family members may participate in the remote first appearance hearings using the MeckWebA link.</p> <p>Defendants who have been released from custody prior to the scheduled first appearance hearing do not need to appear in court or on Webex. Defense counsel will be assigned, and a court date will be communicated by mail and can be obtained by calling the Public Defender Office or the Clerk of Superior Court.</p> <p>*Two trial courtrooms will be open for in-person criminal arraignments and trials. A limited number of cases will be scheduled in four ninety-minute blocks each day. Intimate partner violence, DWI and impaired driving offenses are designated as a high priority and will be scheduled on an alternating schedule.</p> <p>One court session will be scheduled each week for remote plea hearings.</p>
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<p>Criminal Superior Court (Courtroom 5310, 5350, 5370)</p>	<p>Criminal administrative court will operate in courtroom 5310. Arraignments will be held on Monday through Thursday. Administrative settings for homicide cases will continue to be heard on Thursdays during the felony crime and habitual felon team weeks. Bond hearings will be scheduled for Fridays. A limited number of cases will be scheduled in four ninety-minute blocks each day. On Monday through Thursday, eight (8) cases will be scheduled per quad. On Fridays, six (6) cases will be scheduled per quad.</p> <p>Probation probable cause hearings will be held every Monday in courtroom 5350. Probation violation hearings will be suspended.</p> <p>Criminal trials will only operate in courtroom 5370. Should courtroom 6130 “go down” during a session of court, it may be used for the trial of criminal cases if the necessary personnel are available to staff it and there are criminal cases on the criminal calendar to be resolved.</p>
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**Domestic Court
(including Divorces)
(Courtroom 6350,
8100, 8130, 8150,
8170, 8300, 8310)**

All domestic court hearings, except those in which the right of a contemnor to confront witnesses or be present is implicated by the proceeding, will be scheduled for a remote hearing.

Domestic court matters that cannot be heard remotely may be scheduled for in-person hearings in accordance with the structure set forth below.

	Virtual	In Person	In Person	Virtual	Virtual
	M	T	W	Th	F
Week 1	(AM) Motions (staggered throughout the morning) (PM) Temporary Child Support and PSS (by Affidavit or Judge may grant hearing)	Contempts (14 staggered throughout the day)	9:00 Pretrials (always VIRTUAL) 9:30 Clean Up (always VIRTUAL) followed by Trials (in person option)	Staggered Calendar Calls and Trials	Staggered Calendar Calls and Trials
Week 2	Trials	Pro Se Day (14 staggered throughout the day) (Pro Se Trials, Motions, and Contempts)	Pro Se morning (6 staggered throughout the morning) (Pro Se Trials or Motions) (No contempts) (Attorney) Trials PM (in person option)	Trials	Trials
Week 3	Trials	Trials (in person option)	Trials (in person option)	Trials	Trials

<p>Domestic Violence Court- Civil (Courtroom 4110, 4130)</p>	<p>Ex-Parte Filing and Scheduling Safe Alliance-assisted complaints seeking Ex-Parte relief through N.C.G.S. Chapter 50B will be scheduled for remote hearing on the Webex platform using the link for courtroom 4130.</p> <p>All Ex-Parte requests will be scheduled for remote hearing on the Webex platform using the link for courtroom 4130. Plaintiffs who file at the customer service window in the Clerk of Court - Civil Suite 3725 on the third floor of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse will participate in the remote hearing from conference room 6513 from 11:00am to 12:00pm and 1:30pm to 2:30pm.</p> <p>Return Hearing Scheduling All return hearings will be scheduled in courtroom 4110 according to the Civil Domestic Violence Scheduling Plan for the 26th Judicial District.</p>
<p>IVC Hearings</p>	<p>Involuntary civil commitments before magistrates will be held in courtroom 5150 on Monday through Friday.</p> <p>Involuntary commitment hearings before the district court will be conducted remotely on the Webex platform.</p>
<p>Jury Duty</p>	<p>All grand jury proceedings will continue as scheduled.</p> <p>Jurors summoned to appear should follow their reporting time and instructions listed on their jury summons.</p>
<p>Juvenile—A/N/D Court (Courtroom 8330, 8350, 8370, 8390)</p>	<p>All abuse neglect and dependency hearings, except for termination of parental rights, adjudication, and disposition hearings, will be scheduled for a remote hearing.</p> <p>Matters that cannot be heard remotely may be scheduled for the designated in-person hearing day for each geo-district.</p>

<p>Juvenile – Delinquency Court (Courtroom 8330, 8350, 8370, 8390)</p>	<p>Secure custody review hearings and first appearance hearings will be scheduled as remote hearings and should not be continued except for good cause.</p> <p>Return Indictment hearings for juveniles who are detained shall be scheduled for remote hearing and return indictment hearings for out-of-custody juveniles may be scheduled remotely in the discretion of the presiding judge.</p> <p>Juvenile delinquency adjudication, disposition and review hearings may be scheduled as remote hearings with the consent of the juvenile and parent(s)/guardian(s) provided on the record as a knowing and voluntary waiver of the right to be present for an in-person proceeding.</p> <p>Delinquency matters may be scheduled for in-person hearings on Mondays and Thursdays.</p>
<p>Recovery Court</p>	<p>Recovery Courts will conduct remote court sessions every two weeks per the Recovery Courts calendar.</p>
<p>Small Claims Court (Courtroom 2310, 2330, 2350, 2370)</p>	<p>Small claims proceedings, including summary ejectments and money owed cases, will be scheduled for in-person hearings. The numbers of cases scheduled per session will be capped to ensure adherence to courtroom occupancy.</p>
<p>Weddings</p>	<p>Weddings will be conducted by appointment only, Monday through Friday, from 2:00 until 4:00PM at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse. Appointments must be made via email to: Mecklenburg.Magistrate.Weddings@nccourts.org</p>