



**Montgomery County Common Pleas Court
Juvenile Division**

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CO-VID 19 Protocol for the Intervention Center

Intake and Screening

- The Intervention Center (IC) remains open, 24/7, for the intake and assessment of youth brought to the facility on unruly/delinquency charges and warrants by law enforcement. Youth who turn themselves in at the Court for active warrants are also still accepted into the facility.
- All youth brought to the facility by law enforcement are medically screened. If a youth fails the screening they will be sent to the hospital for medical clearance. Once a youth is medically cleared by the hospital, the youth will be accepted into the facility and assessed.
- The Electronic Home Monitoring Program (House Arrest) is still open and monitoring youth. Program enrollments, violations and terminations are still being processed 24/7.
- Emergency Foster Care options are currently suspended at this time.

Hearings and Walk-ins

- All Detained Court hearings are scheduled for 1:30pm, Monday through Friday.
- Weekend Detained hearings have been temporarily suspended. All youth detained on Fridays and Saturdays will have Detention hearings on the following Monday at 1:30pm.

- All unofficial hearings are currently suspended at this time. This includes Administrative hearings, Multi-Disciplinary Team hearings, SBIRT hearings, SODA hearings, DMC-DP hearings, and 10 & Under Program hearings. Staff will reach out to families upon receipt of a new mailed in referral to notify the parent of the situation and to verify demographic information.
- The ongoing case management of pending unofficial cases will continue via telephone. Diversion officers are currently working from home and can be reached by their office contact information.
- The IC continues to process in-person walk-in requests for the following specific case types: DSO warrants (a youth has been missing for 72 hours or more and their whereabouts are unknown), Abortion Consents and Juvenile Protection Orders. It should be noted that Ex Parte Protection Order hearings will be held the following business day, at 1:30pm; however regular Protection Order hearings will be set after May 4, 2020. All other walk-in requests are currently suspended; however staff will secure contact information and follow up via telephone.

Staff Screening

- Each IC and Caring For Kids (mental health) staff person is screened upon arrival for their designated shift. The screening consists of questions and a manual temperature reading. Staff who fail the screening will not be allowed to work their shift, but can return to work in 24 hours if symptoms have subsided.

Sanitizing Work Areas

- Each shift is sanitizing door handles and counter tops at the beginning and middle of the shift. This ensures that the heavily touched areas within the department are sanitized 6 times per day.