

Springfield District Court Courtroom Procedures
Pursuant to Standing Order 7-20
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Courtroom 1

Will resume hearing in-person arraignments for only defendants NOT in custody. These people will be from those responding to Summons to Appear, and, those who have been recognized to appear from a prior arrest. Attorneys should be present (to their degree of comfort) to represent their clients, or to be available for Court appointment. (If the Defense Attorney is available only remotely, the Court will facilitate connecting the Defendant with his/her Attorney by providing Counsel's mobile contact information.) Discovery from these matters will be provided in the traditional manner, with paper copies of the Complaint, Police Reports, etc. given in hand to Parties. Initially, these matters are all scheduled at 9:00am. But in the near future, Defendants will be recontacted, advising them of a more "staggered" scheduled mechanism to relieve the congestion in and around the Probation Department and Courtroom 1.

Toll-free Phone: 877-936-5068
Participant Pass Code: 3507920#

Courtroom 3

Will continue to serve as a virtual Courtroom addressing primarily Civil Restraining and Harassment petitions. These hearings will be conducted primarily via telephone conference call, though Zoom video technology will also be available.

Toll-free Phone: 866-706-0701
Participant Pass Code: 7493373#

Courtroom 4

will also continue to serve as a virtual Courtroom, addressing detained Defendants in need of arraignment. These hearing may be conducted via Polycom (the video link to house of correction throughout the Commonwealth), as well as via telephone conference calls and/or Zoom video. Discovery information will continue to be emailed to Parties prior to the conduction of the arraignment.

Toll-free Phone: 866-713-7590
Participant Pass Code: 9220349#

Courtroom 6

will begin hearing Pretrial Hearings (without Defendants "present"). We will make every effort to address matters by Defense Attorney to minimize disruption and

unnecessary delay. We will utilize an open Zoom video session, accessed by the link provided below. Additionally, the conference call line will be available for those without access to a mobile phone or computer. As the presence of the Defendant is not permitted, no default warrants will issue in this Session. Instead, a judge will inquire as to the status of the case, resolve outstanding issues, and determine the next appropriate appearance date.

Toll-free Phone: 877-985-9740
Participant Pass Code: 7095647#

Join ZoomGov Meeting

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1602995221?pwd=SE50eXFFQWZFMks5T3NmTy85c3NHZz09>

Meeting ID: 160 299 5221

Password: 745536

The other matters identified in District Court Standing Order 7-20 will be scheduled and addressed in whichever Courtroom that has availability. Attorneys should continue to routinely check Masscourts.org for status of their cases, and use the multiply-monitored email address of cmspringfielddc@jud.state.ma.us to best communicate with the Clerk's Office of the Springfield District Court. And as always, the Court remains receptive to "bringing forward" any criminal matter ripe for agreed resolution, irrespective of the formerly scheduled future date.