



Protection Order Information for Adams County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.adamscounty.us/Pages/default.aspx>

Useful County Links: <http://www.adamscounty.us/Dept/VictimWitness/Pages/ProtectionfromAbuse.aspx>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	YWCA/Safe Home (717) 637-2125		YWCA/Safe Home Call 911		Nikki Lyons (717) 337-9848	
Courthouse Hours	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM		24/7		24/7	
PFA Schedule	Same day as filed at 2:30 PM.		As needed		Wednesday at 8:30 AM	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes		<i>Online:</i> Yes			
File Paperwork	In Person		In Person			
To Initiate Filing	YWCA/Safe Home		YWCA/Safe Home			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Video		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> No, Legal Services is involved after the temporary hearing. If they have no conflicts they will represent the Plaintiff at the final hearing.		<i>Available:</i> No		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> MDJ on-call uses Skype or Face Time to connect with the victim and advocate.		<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary until date hearing is scheduled to take place.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	PFA hearings are held in the Courthouse.	Video	No	In Person	PFA hearings are still held in the Courthouse.



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Respondent							A Respondent appears in person if not incarcerated. If incarcerated, the Respondent will be heard via video conference.	Yes - Unless incarcerated	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	Either by the person if they didn't want to go through the victim advocate or by the advocate.	In Person from the advocate who accompanies them to the filing office.	Sheriff	Victim advocate emails to Judge's executive assistant, victim witness PFA staff person and court Admin..	From MDJ if an advocate is not with them or from the advocate as forms are faxed back and forth from MDJ office to advocates office.	Sheriff	Depending on the Judge either by victim advocate w/Plaintiff or by Court Admin..	From attorney if they have one or in person from the advocate who accompanies them to the filing office.	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for Allegheny County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.alleghenycourts.us/Home/Default.aspx>

Useful County Links: <https://www.alleghenycourts.us/downloads/Family/PFA%20Procedures%203.25.20.pdf>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Beth Keenan (412) 660-1147	Beth Keenan (412) 287-4400	Beth Keenan (412) 660-1147
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Mon-Fri 2:00 PM - 8:00 AM Sat-Sun - 24 hours	Mon-Fri 2:00 PM - 8:00 AM Sat-Sun - 24 hours
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM		
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes	<i>Online:</i> Yes	
File Paperwork	In Person	In Person	
To Initiate Filing	Petitioner needs to appear at the Pittsburgh Municipal Court Building.	Petitioner needs to appear at the Pittsburgh Municipal Court Facility.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Volunteer attorneys are available by phone to assist with filing. Advocate follows-up by phone the next day.	<i>Available:</i> Advocates are not available on site for petitioners.	<i>Available:</i> Volunteer attorneys are available by phone to assist with filing. Advocate follows-up by phone the next day.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Volunteer attorneys are available by phone to assist in filing.	<i>Available:</i> Legal services providers are not available for emergency PFAs.	<i>Available:</i> Plaintiff can apply by phone for representation at Final hearing.
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Video	<i>Appears:</i> Phone	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone or Video <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary 15 days after the end of the judicial emergency is over.



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							Judges are holding limited Final Hearings based on emergency need, legal representation and ability to conduct phone/video conference settlements or hearings.		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	In Person	Petitioner must appear in person for video hearing and to receive hard copies and written instructions.		In Person	Petitioner is required to come in for the hearing.		By Phone or Video	No	
Respondent							By Phone or Video	No	
Witnesses							By Phone or Video for Final PFA hearings		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	Fax to police depts. or Email to Dept of Court Records Data entry to State Police PFAD.	In person at court	Police	Fax to police department.	In person at court	Police	Email to Dept of Court Records Data entry to State Police PFAD.	Email or U.S. mail	Email or U.S. mail



Protection Order Information for Armstrong County

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Court Website: <https://www.courts.com/>

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
GENERAL INFORMATION									
Contact	Brandi Toy (724) 548-3284			Brandi Toy			Brandi Toy (724) 548-3284		
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM			After 4:30 PM - weekends any time			After 4:30 PM - weekends any time		
PFA Schedule							Wednesdays at 11:00 AM		
Forms/instructions	<i>Online: No</i>			<i>Online: No</i>					
File Paperwork	In Person			In Person					
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration or HAVIN			On Call MDJ or HAVIN					
ASSISTANCE									
Interpreter Services	<i>Available: No</i>			<i>Available: No</i>			<i>Available: By Phone</i>		
Advocate	<i>Available: In Person</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>		
Legal Services	<i>Available: In Person</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>		
Court Staff	<i>Available: In Person</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>		
HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<i>Appears: In Person</i>			<i>Appears: Video</i>			<i>Appears: In Person</i> <i>Final PFA hearings: No</i> <i>Extending order? Pending further hearing.</i>		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	In Person	Yes		In Person	Yes		In Person	Yes	
Respondent							In Person	Yes	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Sheriff	P. handed a copy in person.			P. handed a copy in person.		Sheriff	P. handed a copy in person.	



Protection Order Information for Beaver County

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Court Website: <http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/Courts/CCP/Pages/default.aspx>

Useful County Links: <http://www.beavercountypa.gov/Depts/Courts/DR/Pages/Protection-AbuseOrder.aspx>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Garrett Harper (724) 770-4669	Garrett Harper	Garrett Harper
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM	MDJ is available 24/7	MDJ is available 24/7
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM	MDJ is available 24/7	Final Hearings are held every Friday at 8:00 AM.
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	In Person	In Person	
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration	During business hours, Petitioner can contact MDJ office. After hours, Petitioner can contact 911 or law enforcement who will refer to the on-call MDJ.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Petitioners are given the contact information for Legal Services at the time of filing Temporary PFA.	<i>Available:</i> Legal services have no involvement with Emergency PFAs but presumably would be available by phone.	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Video	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary until the Final PFA hearing is scheduled.



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	Petitioner must be in the Courthouse but speaks with Judicial staff and Judge via video.	Petitioner is required to go to the Courthouse to file for Temporary PFA.		In Person	Petitioner is required to go to the MDJ office to file for Emergency PFA.		PFA parties may participate by phone or video at Judge's discretion.	Petitioner may participate by phone or video at Judge's discretion.	
Respondent							Respondent may participate by phone or video at Judge's discretion.	Respondent may participate by phone or video at Judge's discretion.	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	Court Admin. staff files paperwork with Prothy.	Court Admin. staff hand delivers copies to Petitioner.	Sheriff	MDJ staff files paperwork with Prothy. and provides copy to Court Admin.	MDJ staff hand delivers copies to Petitioner.	Police	Judge's staff files paperwork with Prothy.	Judge's staff hand delivers copies to Petitioner.	Judge's staff hand delivers copies to Resp. if present. Prothy mails copy if Resp. not present.

AOPC Protection Order Information for Bedford County

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Court Website: <https://www.bedfordcountypa.org/>

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
GENERAL INFORMATION									
Contact	Your Safe Haven (814) 623-7664			Your Safe Haven (814) 623-7664					
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM			Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM			Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		
PFA Schedule	Tuesday - 9:00 AM								
Forms/instructions	<i>Online: No</i>			<i>Online: No</i>					
File Paperwork	By Phone through Your Safe Haven			By Phone through Your Safe Haven					
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate			Victim Advocate					
ASSISTANCE									
Interpreter Services	<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>		
Advocate	<i>Available: E-mail</i>			<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>		
Legal Services	<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>		
Court Staff	<i>Available: No</i>			<i>Available: No</i>			<i>Available: No</i>		
HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<i>Appears: By Phone</i>			<i>Appears: By Phone</i>			<i>Appears: In Person</i> <i>Final PFA hearings: No</i> <i>Extending order? Yes - Temporary until Judicial Emergency ends.</i>		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	By Phone	No		By Phone	No		In Person	No	
Respondent							In Person	Yes	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	E-mail	Your Safe Haven	Sheriff	E-mail	Your Safe Haven	Sheriff	Court Staff	U.S. Mail	U.S. Mail



Protection Order Information for Berks County

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Court Website: <https://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Courts/Pages/default.aspx>

Useful County Links: <https://www.co.berks.pa.us/Dept/Courts/FamCourt/Pages/ProtectionFromAbuse.aspx>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	PFA Office (610) 478-6208	PFA Office	Family Court Administration (610) 478-6208
Courthouse Hours	Mon - Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Available nights, weekends and holidays.	Available nights, weekends and holidays.
PFA Schedule	Mon - Fri 9:00 - 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Weeknights from 7:00 PM - 3:00 AM Sr. MDJs and 3:00 AM - 9:00 AM Emergency MDJ on call - weekends and Holidays 7:00 PM - 3:00 AM Sr. MDJs, 3:00 AM - 9:00 AM, Emergency MDJ on call, 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM Emergency MDJ	Mon -Fri 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	In Person	In Person	
To Initiate Filing	Walk-in to PFA Office, 1 st Floor Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	On Call MDJ	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person or by Phone
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Safe Berks is operating remotely to assist PFA filers by phone.	<i>Available:</i> Safe Berks is operating remotely to assist PFA filers by phone.	<i>Available:</i> Safe Berks is operating remotely to assist PFA filers by phone.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i> Safe Berks is operating remotely to assist PFA filers with legal representation.
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> In Person, By Video or By Phone	<i>Appears:</i> Final cases are scheduled to be in person, but the Court may use



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							phone or video on a case-by-case basis. <i>Final PFA hearings: Yes</i> <i>Extending order? Yes - Temporary at the discretion of the assigned Judge.</i>		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	In Person	Filers come in person to the PFA Office, then go to the Courtroom.		In Person	Filers come to the Courthouse.		In Person unless the Court orders otherwise.	Filers go to the Courtroom of the assigned Judge.	
Respondent							In Person unless the Court orders otherwise.	The Respondent is noticed to go to the Courtroom of the assigned Judge, unless the Court orders otherwise.	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	Filer takes paperwork to the Prothy. who takes the paperwork under the door, time	In person in Courtroom and then docketed and time stamped	Sheriff	MDJs generate and keep the Emergency PFA paperwork	In person at Courthouse	Police	Electronically sent from Court to Prothy. and mailed to the parties.	In person if they are in the courtroom and by mail.	In person if they are in the courtroom or by mail.

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	<p>stamps and scans it, keeps a copy for the Sheriff's office to serve on the Def., and returns the stamped paperwork under the door to the filer. The filer drops a copy off at their local PD unless it is PSP (electronic) or Reading PD (left with Prothy.).</p>	<p>from Prothy.</p>					<p>Parties also get a copy if they are in the Ctrm.</p>	



Protection Order Information for Blair County

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Court Website: <http://www.blairco.org/Dept/CourtAdmin/Pages/default.aspx>

Useful County Links: http://www.blairco.org/Dept/CourtAdmin/Documents/Emergency_Protection_Orders.pdf

http://www.blairco.org/Dept/CourtAdmin/Documents/EmergencyJudicialDeclaration_PFA.pdf

<http://www.blairco.org/Dept/CourtAdmin/Documents/PFATemporaryInterviewsandFinalPFAHearings.pdf>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Local Police Department	Local Police Department	PFA Office (814) 693-0130
Courthouse Hours	Per 4/14/2020 Order, Blair CP Court is unavailable for the filing of PFAs.	Per 4/14/2020 Order, Blair CP Court is unavailable for the filing of Emergency PFAs.	Per 4/14/2020 Order, Blair CP Court is unavailable for the filing of Emergency PFAs.
PFA Schedule	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM – Ex parte review and/or ACT (Advanced Communication Technology)	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM by the MDJ having Jurisdiction or after 4:00 PM with the On-Call MDJ	Thursdays at 8:30 AM at the Courthouse by ACT
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	E-mail	E-mail	
To Initiate Filing	Blair County PFA Office/Family Services of Blair County	On Call MDJ - Call the police department to access	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person (MidPenn Legal Services)
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone - In the courtroom <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary until a final hearing.



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Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	By Phone	No		By Phone	No		By Phone	No	
Respondent							In Person	No	
Witnesses							A separate time is scheduled to hear from witnesses.		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Fax	E-mail	Sheriff	Fax	E-mail	Sheriff	Sheriff	E-mail or U.S. Mail	U.S. Mail



Protection Order Information for Bradford County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://bradfordcountypa.org/about-us/>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Court Administration (570) 265-1707		Court Administration (570) 265-9101		Court Administration (570) 265-1707	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM		On Call MDJ		On Call MDJ	
PFA Schedule	Tuesdays and Fridays		Ex Parte - Mon - Fri		Tuesday and Thursdays	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person. Willing to do by phone		In Person. Willing to do by phone			
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration.		On Call MDJ.			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> Yes - By Phone		<i>Available:</i> Yes - By Phone		<i>Available:</i> Yes - By Phone;	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM;		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM;		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM;	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM.		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM.		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM.	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM.		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM.		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or ZOOM.	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> By Phone or ZOOM		<i>Appears:</i> By Phone or In Person. <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes; <i>Extending order?</i> Yes Temporary 14-30 days	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person.	Yes	In Person or By Phone	Yes	By Phone or ZOOM	
Respondent					In Person, By Phone or ZOOM	No
Witnesses					Currently, witness would be required to be by phone or ZOOM unless they appear with petition for support.	



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	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	In Person, Fax or Email.	Sheriff.	Sheriff.	In Person, Fax or Email	In Person.	Sheriff.	In Person, Fax or Email.	In Person.	In Person, Fax or Email.



Protection Order Information for Bucks County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://buckscounty.org/Courts/CommonPleas>

Useful County Links: <http://buckscounty.org/Courts/ProtectionFromAbuse>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Prothonotary - Family Court (215) 348-6822	Prothonotary - Family Court	Prothonotary - Family Court (215) 348-6822
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	MDJ offices: Mon-Fri 2:00 PM - 8:00 AM - all day Sat-Sun	MDJ offices: Mon-Fri 2:00 PM - 8:00 AM - all day Sat-Sun
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	MDJ offices: Mon-Fri 2:00 PM - 8:00 AM - all day Sat-Sun	Final Order hearings are not being held during the COVID-19 judicial emergency.
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes	<i>Online:</i> Yes	
File Paperwork	In Person	By Phone	
To Initiate Filing	Prothonotary, Family Court	Local MDJ	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> Yes – all methods	<i>Available:</i> By Phone and Online	<i>Available:</i> N/A -Due to Final Hearings not being held at this time.
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Petitioners may be referred to advocate services located in close proximity to the Courthouse.	<i>Available:</i> Petitioners are referred to advocate services using telephone and email	<i>Available:</i> Petitioners may be referred to advocate services located in close proximity to the Courthouse.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Yes – all methods	<i>Available:</i> Yes – all methods	<i>Available:</i> N/A -Due to Final Hearings not being held at this time.
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> N/A -Due to Final Hearings not being held at this time.
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Generally in person, ACT as necessary.	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone	<i>Appears:</i> N/A -Due to Final Hearings not being held at this time. <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							<i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary through June 3, 2020.		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	Generally in person, ACT as necessary.	Petitions must be filed in person with the Prothonotary.		Phone	No		N/A - Due to Final Hearings not being held during this time.	N/A -Due to Final Hearings not being held during this time.	
Respondent							N/A- Due to Final Hearings not being held during this time.	N/A – Due to Final Hearings not being held during this time.	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Court Staff	In person or via email	In person or by means auth. by applicable rule.	E-mail	In person or via email	By means auth. by applicable state rule.		Other	



Protection Order Information for Butler County

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Court Website: <https://www.butlercountypa.gov/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.butlercountypa.gov/337/Protection-Orders>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	PFA Office (724) 284-5181		PFA Office (724) 284-5181		PFA Office (724) 284-5181	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 10:30 PM		Mon-Fri 10:30AM - 4:30PM		Mon-Fri 10:30 AM - 4:30 PM	
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 11:30 AM		Mon-Fri after 1:00 PM		Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 8:45 AM	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person		In person at the MDJ, at the police department, or via the PFA Office.			
To Initiate Filing	Domestic Relations Section, PFA Office		PFA Office, Local Police, or On call MDJ			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Polycom		<i>Appears:</i> Polycom or telephone		<i>Appears:</i> Polycom, Telephone and In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary at the discretion of the Court.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	Needs to be filed in person	In Person	Needs to be filed in person	In person or by telephone	No



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Respondent							In person, telephone (if represented) or via Polycom.		Yes - unless instructed otherwise.
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Prothy. and Sheriff	In person by the PFA Office	Sheriff	MDJ coordinate s with local police department and MDJ faxes the Emergency PFA to the PFA office.	Depends on where the MDJ is and where the Petitioner is.	Police	In person by Prothy.	In person by the Court staff	In person or by U.S. mail



Protection Order Information for Centre County

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Court Website: <http://centrecountypa.gov/355/Judiciary>

Useful County Links: <http://centrecountypa.gov/2058/Protection-From-Abuse-PFA>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Court Administration (814) 355-6727		Court Administration (814) 355-6727		Court Administration (814) 355-6727	
Courthouse Hours	8:30am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri)		8:30am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri)		8:30am-5:00pm (Mon-Fri)	
PFA Schedule	Between 8:30am-5:00pm -		Between 8:30am-5:00pm -		Between 8:30am-5:00pm -	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person.		In Person.			
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration.		Court Administration.			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> Yes - In Person By Phone		<i>Available:</i> Yes - In Person		<i>Available:</i> Yes -	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
Legal Services	Not provided by the court.		Not provided by the court.		Not provided by the court.	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> Only provides paperwork, can not assist with completion.		<i>Available:</i> Only provides paperwork, can not assist with completion.			
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> In Person; <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No; <i>Extending order?</i> Yes, the Emergency Order is extended and is dependent on judicial emergency orders in place.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person.	In Person.	In Person	In Person.	In Person	In Person.
Respondent					In Person.	In Person.
Witnesses					If a witness is present for a hearing, the court may have the witness address the court.	



Paperwork/Orders	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	In Person - Sheriff.	Prothy.	Prothy.	In Person - Sheriff	Court Admin.	In Person - Sheriff	E-mail.	Prothy.	Prothy.



Protection Order Information for Chester County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.chesco.org/1333/County-Court-of-Common-Pleas>

Useful County Links: <https://www.chesco.org/3655/Protection-from-Abuse>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Suzie A. Marker (610) 344-6405	Suzie A. Marker (610) 344-6405	Suzie A. Marker (610) 344-6405
Courthouse Hours	8.30-4.30 M-F	Petitioners should go to the on call DJ court in the evening for emergency protection.	Petitioners should go to the on call DJ court in the evening for emergency protection.
PFA Schedule	11a.m. and 3 p.m. daily	after 7 p.m. week days all day on weekends	Mondays at 9 a.m. and Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> YES	<i>Online:</i> NO	
File Paperwork	In Person. In certain circumstances, we offer by phone/video/email submission of petitions.	In Person.	
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration. Family Court Administration on the 5th floor of the Justice Center.	On Call MDJ.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> YES - In Person, By phone	<i>Available:</i> YES - In Person, By phone	<i>Available:</i> YES - In Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person. Advocates on-site from the local domestic violence center.	<i>Available:</i> Phone. Local DV advocates assist over the phone in the evenings.	<i>Available:</i> Advocates on-site from the local domestic violence center.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Other. Legal Aid will assist. Petitioners must call and make arrangements.	<i>Available:</i> Other. Legal Aid will assist. Petitioners must call and make arrangements.	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person.	<i>Available:</i> In Person.	
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> In Person; <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> YES; <i>Extending order?</i> YES,



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							the Temporary Order is extended. This is decided by a judge on a case by case basis. The norm is 30 days or less.		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	In Person.	YES Petitioners must appear at all hearings in person.		In Person	Yes		In Person	Yes	
Respondent							In Person	YES Respondents can appear in person to testify in their own defense.	
Witnesses									
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	In Person - Sheriff.	The Prothy. gives petitioner a copy.	In Person - Sheriff	In Person - Sheriff	The court will give Petitioner a copy.	In Person - Sheriff	In Person - Sheriff	The court will give Petitioner a copy.	The court will give Resp. a copy.



Protection Order Information for Clarion County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.co.clarion.pa.us/Dept/Courts/Common-Pleas/Pages/default.aspx>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	SAFE (814) 226-8481		SAFE (814) 226-8481		SAFE (814) 226-8481	
Courthouse Hours	8:30 AM - 4:30 AM		Not handled at Court House		Not handled at Court House	
PFA Schedule			As needed		As needed	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person		In Person			
To Initiate Filing	SAFE (814) 226-8481		SAFE (814) 226-8481			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Legal Services is not brought in until the final hearing.		<i>Available:</i> Legal Services does not handle Emergency PFAs.		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Could do by phone but have been able to hold in person.		<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> Could do by phone but have done in person or continued. <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> When necessary we will hold them by phone or by ZOOM.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	If needed, we could possibly do by phone but documents would have to be filed.	In Person	Yes	In Person	Yes
Respondent					In Person	Yes

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Witnesses							Either in person or by phone during closure of courts.		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
		Sheriff	Sheriff		Sheriff	Sheriff		Sheriff provided before leaving court	Provided before leaving court



Protection Order Information for Clearfield County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://clearfieldco.org/>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Crossroads (814) 768-7200	Crossroads (814) 768-7200	Crossroads (814) 768-7200
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM
PFA Schedule	Upon receipt or Thursdays at 8:45 AM	Immediate upon receipt	Monday and Tuesday
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	In Person.	In Person.	
To Initiate Filing	Victime Advocate. Crossroads	Victim Advocate. Crossroads	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> Yes - In PersonIn Person	<i>Available:</i> Yes - In Person	<i>Available:</i> Yes -
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person.	<i>Available:</i> In Person.	<i>Available:</i> In Person.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person. If person qualifies	<i>Available:</i> In Person. If person qualifies	<i>Available:</i> In Person. If person qualifies
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person.	<i>Available:</i> In Person.	<i>Available:</i> In Person.
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<p><i>Appears:</i> In person - With certain witnesses being heard by phone at the discretion of the Judge.</p> <p><i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Extending order?</i> Yes Temporary Until the next regularly scheduled date. Generally Final</p> <p>PFA Hearings are not continued. Only would be a rare occasion.</p>



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	In Person.	Yes		In Person	Yes		In Person	Yes	
Respondent							In Person	Yes All Final Hearings are done in person for all parties.	
Witnesses							Petitioner must appear. Other witnesses are generally heard in person unless there is some circumstance for which they need to appear and testify. The COVID -19 situation may change this to remote appearance by Zoom or other platform.		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	Prothonotary.	In person by Crossroads.	Sheriff.	Prothonotary	In person by Crossroads.	Sheriff.	Prothonotary.	In person by Crossroads.	In person by Crossroads unless they did not appear then by Sheriff.



Protection Order Information for Clinton County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.clintoncountypa.com/>

Useful County Links: http://www.clintoncountypa.com/court_services/county_courts/forms/Protection%20from%20Abuse%20Packet%209-18-13.pdf

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Prothonotary 570-893-4007	Prothonotary 911 or (570) 748-2936	Judy Coder, ADCA 570-893-4016
Courthouse Hours	8 AM to 5 PM	24/7/365	24/7/365
PFA Schedule	Every business day during business hours	Conducted by on-call MDJ all hours, all days	Every business day during business hours
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes	<i>Online:</i> Yes	
File Paperwork	E-mail. Phone: 570-893-4070	E-mail. Phone: DES contacts on-call MDJ	
To Initiate Filing	Other. Prothonotary	On Call MDJ.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Video.	<i>Available:</i> Phone. Local Women's Center provides counseling and direction	<i>Available:</i> Video.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Phone.	<i>Available:</i> Phone.	<i>Available:</i> Online. Protected individual(s) are provided free counsel by the local Women's Center
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone.	<i>Available:</i> By Phone.	<i>Available:</i> Online.
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Video	<i>Appears:</i> Video and in-person	<i>Appears:</i> Video - <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Temporary order is extended until the date of the re-scheduled hearing, assuming that PFA was granted at ex parte temporary hearing.

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	Video.	Yes, Pre-Covid this was the case. Now all hearings are conducted via Zoom		Video	NO		Video	No, Pre-Covid this was the case. Now all hearings are conducted via Zoom	
Respondent							Video	No, Pre-Covid this was the case. Now all hearings are conducted via Zoom	
Witnesses							Pre-Covid, in Person. Currently via Zoom.		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Via Court Admin.	In Person - Sheriff.	In Person - Sheriff.	E-mail	In Person - Sheriff.	In Person - Sheriff.	Via Court Admin.	In Person - Sheriff.	In Person - Sheriff.



Protection Order Information for Columbia/Montour County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.columbiapa.org/courts/index.php>

Useful County Links: <http://www.columbiapa.org/prothonotary/index.php>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Rose Antoniello, Deputy Proth (570) 389-5619	Rose Antoniello, Deputy Proth (570) 784-6300	Rose Antoniello, Deputy Proth (570) 389-5619
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Friday 4:00 PM - Monday 8:00 AM	Friday 4:00 PM - Monday 8:00 AM
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	On days and times the Courthouse is not open for business.	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	In Person	In Person	
To Initiate Filing	Woman's Center, Beyond Violence or Prothonotary Office.	On Call MDJ	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Victim Advocate is available by appointment or by phone.	<i>Available:</i> Victim Advocate contacted by phone for emergency petitions only as needed.	<i>Available:</i> Victim Advocate is available by appointment or by phone.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Petitioner is directed to contact Northpenn Legal Services if they request legal representation and are filing pro se.	<i>Available:</i> Legal services are usually not provided for in Emergency PFA cases.	<i>Available:</i> NorthPenn Legal Services
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person - During regular business hours.	<i>Available:</i> In Person - During regular business hours.	<i>Available:</i> In Person - During regular business hours.
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							<i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary Orders are extended until a hearing is held and a Final Order is entered.		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	In Person	Ex Parte matters are done by phone. All other proceedings.		In Person	On Call MDJ requires Petitioner to appear in person.		In Person	Yes	
Respondent							In Person	Respondent is required to appear in person for all hearings.	
Witnesses									
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	In person or by Domestic Violence Advocates	Initial paperwork is picked up in person or by the Domestic Violence Advocates	Sheriff	Police	Police	All Emerg. Orders are served on the Resp. by the State/Local police.	All paperwork is filed in person	All final Orders are mailed to all parties	All final Orders are mailed to all parties



Protection Order Information for Crawford County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.crawfordcountypa.net/Pages/Home.aspx>

Useful County Links: <https://www.crawfordcountypa.net/courts/Rules/Civil/RULE%20L1901.PDF#search=protection%20from%20abuse>

<https://www.crawfordcountypa.net/Courts/Documents/Coronavirus-FAQ-Courts.pdf>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Law Library (814) 333-7300 x5730 (814) 333-7300	Law Library (814) 333-7300 x5730 (814) 724-4637	Court Administration (814) 333-7498
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.	(Courthouse closed) MDJ open by appt; Women's Services 24/7	(Courthouse closed) MDJ open by appt; Women's Services 24/7.
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Mon-Fri 4:30 PM Sat-Sun Open 24/7, as needed.	Thursdays at 8:30 AM or as directed.
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	Petition prepared telephonically during COVID-19.	Petition prepared telephonically during COVID-19; Women's Services will submit to MDJ.	
To Initiate Filing	Law Library (will contact Women's Services when available)	Victim Advocate – Women's Services	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone during COVID-19	<i>Available:</i> By Phone - sometimes in person (during COVID-19)	<i>Available:</i> In Person during COVID-19
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Phone - not involved until after temporary/emergency is granted	<i>Available:</i> Not involved until after temporary/emergency is granted.	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone or Video during COVID-19	<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> To date we have done no final hearings during COVID-



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							19 closures; currently first scheduled for May 7. All temporary orders extended until then. Emergency orders expire upon next business day of the Courts and we are open for business as to PFAs Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM.		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	In Person	Petition prepared by phone; appear to meet judge; sign; file; sheriff for service details.		By Phone or Video during COVID-19	Women's Services works with Petitioner, sometimes in person; MDJ contact remote.		In Person	Must appear in person for hearing	
Respondent							In Person	Yes	
Witnesses							Only applies for Final: in person testimony so far.		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	Sheriff	In person from court clerk	Sheriff	Email or fax	Email or fax	Police	Court Clerk	In person from court clerk	In person at hearing



Protection Order Information for Dauphin County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/courts/index.php>

Useful County Links: https://www.dauphincounty.org/government/publicly_elected_officials/district_attorney/what_is_child_abuse/how_can_i_obtain_a_pfa.php

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Victim/Witness (717) 780-7075	Victim/Witness (717) 238-7273	
Courthouse Hours	By telephone 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM weekdays	By telephone evenings and weekends	By telephone evenings and weekends
PFA Schedule	Ex Parte by telephone weekdays at Noon. Final Hearings by phone/video Wednesdays at specific times assigned to each case.		
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	While courthouse is closed - regularly also in person	By Phone	
To Initiate Filing	Victim/Witness at above number	Victim/Witness or YWCA	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone - While courthouse is closed - regularly also in person.	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone - While courthouse is closed - regularly also in person.
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone and Email -While courthouse is closed - regularly also in person.	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Video, Phone and Email -While courthouse is closed - regularly also in person.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i> By Phone and Online
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, Online, and In Person



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<i>Appears: By Phone</i>			<i>Appears: By Phone</i>			<i>Appears: By Video with phone option</i> <i>Final PFA hearings: Yes</i> <i>Extending order? Yes - Temporary - varies.</i>		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	By Phone	No		By Phone	No		By Video with phone option	No	
Respondent							By Video with phone option	No	
Witnesses							Not sure yet - possibly video		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	E-mail	Mail if email not available	Sheriff	E-mail		Police	E-mail	Mail if email not available	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for Delaware County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.delcopa.gov/courts/>
Useful County Links: <http://www.delcopa.gov/ojs/pfa/pfa.html>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Denise Hansen (610) 891-4550		Denise Hansen (610) 891-4550		Denise Hansen (610) 891-4550	
Courthouse Hours	Monday thru Friday		Monday thru Friday		Monday thru Friday	
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM; after 3:00 PM to a MDJ; weekends - MDJ		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM; after 3:00 PM to a MDJ; weekends - MDJ		Thursday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	Court has accepted e-mail and conducted hearing by telephone or in person.		Court has accepted e-mail and conducted hearing by telephone or in person.			
To Initiate Filing	Office of Judicial Support		Office of Judicial Support			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> MDJ - By telephone and video. CP - by telephone, video and in person.		<i>Appears:</i> MDJ - By telephone and video. CP - by telephone, video and in person.		<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary until the Judge holds a hearing with the parties and issues a Final Order.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	Can appear by telephone , video or in person	MDJ - by phone or video CP- In person	Can appear by telephone , video or in person	No MDJ - by phone or video CP- In person	In Person	Yes



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Respondent							In Person	Yes	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	Office of Judicial Support	Office of Judicial Support	Police	Office of Judicial Support	Office of Judicial Support	Police	Office of Judicial Support	Office of Judicial Support	Police



Protection Order Information for Erie County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://eriecountypa.gov/courts/>

Useful County Links: <https://eriecountypa.gov/courts/family-court/protection-from-abuse/>

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
GENERAL INFORMATION									
Contact	Juliza Caban (814) 451-6324			Juliza Caban			Juliza Caban (814) 451-6324		
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM								
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 11:00 AM						Tues and Thurs 9:30 AM		
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No			<i>Online:</i> No					
File Paperwork	In Person								
To Initiate Filing	PFA office (814) 451-6324								
ASSISTANCE									
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person			<i>Available:</i>			<i>Available:</i> In Person		
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Only if requested by Plaintiff			<i>Available:</i>			<i>Available:</i> Only if requested by Plaintiff		
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Only if requested by P.			<i>Available:</i>			<i>Available:</i> Only if requested by P.		
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person			<i>Available:</i> In Person			<i>Available:</i> In Person		
HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person			<i>Appears:</i> In Person			<i>Appears:</i> In Person; <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes; <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary until further order of court.		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	In Person	Yes		In Person	Yes		In Person	Yes	
Respondent							In Person	Yes	
Witnesses							In person, during final hearing.		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Sheriff, Police and PSP	PFA office/Ct. personnel	Sheriff				PSP	PFA office/Ct. personnel	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for Fayette County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.fayettecountypa.org/302/Court-of-Common-Pleas>

Useful County Links: <https://www.fayettecountypa.org/DocumentCenter/View/445/Confidential-Information-Form-PDF?bidId=>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania (724) 562-7016	Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern Pennsylvania (724) 438-1760	Administrative Office of Fayette County Courts (724) 430-1230
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM	After 3:00 PM Mon-Fri All day on the weekend or holidays	After 3:00 PM Mon-Fri All day on the weekend or holidays
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM at the discretion of the PFA Judge	After 3:00 PM Mon-Fri All day on the weekend or holidays	At the discretion of the PFA Judge
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i>	<i>Online:</i>	
File Paperwork	By E-mail	In person and then faxed to MDJ by the Booking Center	
To Initiate Filing	Domestic Violence Services of Southwestern PA	Fayette County Booking Center has a packet of information for the Petitioner to complete.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone - Domestic Violence of Southwestern PA	<i>Available:</i> MDJ communicates directly with the Petitioner by SKYPE at the Booking Center	<i>Available:</i> Domestic Violence of Southwestern PA
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> N/A	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone	<i>Appears:</i> SKYPE or In Person	<i>Appears:</i> ZOOM or Phone <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No <i>Extending order?</i> Temporary after June 1, 2020.



Protection Order Information for Fayette County

as of 4/30/20

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	By Phone			In Person and SKYPE from the Booking Center			Whatever means is available		
Respondent							Whatever means is available to the Respondent		
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	Email and deliver a hard copy the following day to the Prothy.	U.S. Mail	Sheriff	U.S. Mail by MDJ	Fax or Email at the Booking Center	Police	Hand delivered by court staff to the Prothy.	U.S. Mail	U.S. Mail



Protection Order Information for Forest/Warren County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://warrenforestcourt.org/>

Useful County Links: <https://warrenforestcourt.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/ProtectionFromAbusePetition.pdf>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Safe Place (814) 726-1271		Safe Place (814) 726-1271		Court Administration (814) 728-3530	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	
PFA Schedule	Ex Parte hearings are scheduled as soon as possible upon receipt of the Petition.		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Emergency petitions are handled after hours by the on-call MDJ.		Final Order hearings are scheduled each Wednesday at 3:00 PM	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes		<i>Online:</i> Yes			
File Paperwork	Individuals can file in person or the Safe Place will email or fax petitions.		Individuals can file in person or the Safe Place will email or fax petitions.			
To Initiate Filing	Plaintiff should contact A Safe Place at (814) 726-1271.		Plaintiff should contact A Safe Place at (814) 726-1271.			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone -If an interpreter is needed, Language Line can be obtained for phone interpretation.		<i>Available:</i> By Phone - In emergency, Language Line can be obtained for phone interpreter.		<i>Available:</i> In Person - For the Final Order, we will have an in person interpreter available.	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Hearings have been conducted by phone.		<i>Appears:</i> Conducted by phone or video.		<i>Appears:</i> Conducted by phone or video; <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes; <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary until the Final hearing is held.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	By Phone	No	By Phone	No	By Phone	No
Respondent					By Phone/Video	No



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Witnesses							Use of phone testimony		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	E-mail	Provided to Safe Place and they provide Petitioner with a copy	Sheriff	E-mail	Provided to Safe Place and they provide Petitioner with copy	Sheriff	E-mail	Provided to Safe Place and they provide Petitioner with copy	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for Greene County

as of 5/18/20

Court Website: <http://www.greenepercourts.us/>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Domestic Violence Services 724-852-2463	Domestic Violence Services 724-852-2463	Court Administration 724-852-5237
Courthouse Hours	Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	MDJ Office Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday when needed.	MDJ Office Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday when needed.
PFA Schedule	Monday 11:00 a.m.	MDJ Office Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday when needed.	Monday 11:00 a.m.
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> YES	<i>Online:</i> YES	
File Paperwork	E-mail. Telephone	E-mail. Telephone	
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate.	Victim Advocate.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> YES - By Phone, In-Person	<i>Available:</i> YES - By Phone	<i>Available:</i> YES - By Phone; In-Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Phone	<i>Available:</i> Phone	<i>Available:</i> Phone
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Phone	<i>Available:</i> Phone	<i>Available:</i> Phone
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In-Person	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In-Person	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In-Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Phone, Video, In-Person	<i>Appears:</i> Phone, Video	<i>Appears:</i> Phone, Video, In-Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> YES; <i>Extending order?</i> YES, the Temporary Order is in effect until the Final PFA hearing.



Protection Order Information for Greene County

as of 5/18/20

Temporary			Emergency			Final			
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location			
	Phone, In-Person Video	NO		Phone, Video	NO	Phone, In-Person, Video	NO		
Respondent						Phone, In-Person, Video	NO		
Witnesses						Either by video, phone, or in-person.			
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Prothy's Office In-Person - Sheriff	If Petitioner is not there, paperwork will be mailed.	In Person – Sheriff, US Mail	E-mail Proth's Office In-Person - Sheriff	If Petitioner is not in-person, paperwork will be mailed.	In Person – Sheriff, US Mail	Prothy's Office In-Person - Sheriff	US Mail	In Person – Sheriff, US Mail



Protection Order Information for Huntingdon County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://huntingdoncountycourt.net/>

Useful County Links: <http://www.pacourts.us/forms/for-the-public>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Court Administration (814) 643-5078		Court Administration (814) 643-3960 or Call 911		Court Administration (814) 643-5078	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		MDJ on call handles these		MDJ on call handles these	
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 8:30am - 4:30pm		Anytime after courthouse is closed		Usually Wednesday mornings, but any time available within time constraints.	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes		<i>Online:</i> Yes			
File Paperwork	In person, email or fax		In person, email or fax			
To Initiate Filing	Prothonotary, Huntingdon House, Abuse Network, Court Administration		On Call MDJ, Huntingdon County 911 Center or any police department			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone depending on availability of interpreter	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or Fax		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or Fax		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person or Fax	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person, Online and Video		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person, Online and Video		<i>Available:</i> By Phone, In Person, Online and Video	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Phone or Video (ZOOM)		<i>Appears:</i> In Person or Video (ZOOM)		<i>Appears:</i> In Person, By Phone or Video (ZOOM) <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	By Phone or Video (ZOOM)	No	By Phone or Video (ZOOM)	No	By Phone or Video (ZOOM)	No



Protection Order Information for Huntingdon County

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	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Respondent							By Phone or Video (ZOOM)	No	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	E-mail or fax	Sheriff	Sheriff	E-mail or fax	Any of the choices	Sheriff	E-mail or fax	Other	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for Indiana County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.indianacountypa.gov/departments/court-of-common-pleas/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.indianacountypa.gov/departments/prothonotary-clerk-of-courts/how-do-i/>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Alice Paul House (724) 349-4444		Alice Paul House (724) 349-4444		Alice Paul House (724) 349-4444	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM		After 2:00 PM through Police and MDJ		After 2:00 PM through Police and MDJ	
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri; anytime as needed		Any day 8:00 AM, 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM		Wednesdays or as needed	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	E-mail, fax or in person, if necessary		Fax			
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate		Victim Advocate			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i> By Phone or Video	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone and/or Video		<i>Appears:</i> Video (ZOOM)		<i>Appears:</i> ZOOM Video Conferencing, Phone or In Person depending on the parties' needs <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Until further order of court.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	Phone or Video	No	Phone or Video	No	Phone, Video or In Person	No
Respondent					Phone, Video or In Person	No



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Witnesses							For the final hearing, the Judge has discretion to allow a witness to appear via phone or video.		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	E-mail	E-mail	Sheriff	Email or fax	Police	Police	E-mail	Police, U.S. Mail or email	U.S. Mail



Protection Order Information for Jefferson County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.jeffersoncountypa.com/government/>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Crossroads (814) 849-2779		Crossroads (814) 849-2779		Crossroads (814) 849-2779	
Courthouse Hours	Everyday - Judge and time permitted		Everyday - Judge and time permitted		Everyday - Judge and time permitted	
PFA Schedule	Everyday - Judge and time permitted		Everyday - Judge and time permitted		Everyday - Judge and time permitted	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	Fax or in person		Fax or in person			
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate - Crossroads		Victim Advocate - Crossroads			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone/In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes -Temporary until a hearing is available in front of the President Judge.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	For an Order to be entered, the Petitioner must be present to offer details for the record and answer questions.	In Person	For an Order to be entered, the Petitioner must be present to offer details for the record and answer questions.	In Person	For an Order to be entered, the Petitioner must be present to offer details for the record and answer questions.



		Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Respondent							In Person	No		
Witnesses										
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	
		Crossroads files with Prothy. and hand delivers to Sheriff. Notices are also generated to PSP out of PFAD.	Petitioner typically receives the order in hand that day, if they must leave, it is mailed.	Sheriff	Crossroads file with Prothy. and hand deliver to Sheriff. Notices are also generated to PSP out of PFAD.	Petitioner typically receives the order in hand that day, if they must leave, it is mailed.	Either PSP or Borough Police Department, Sheriff in some instances.	Crossroads file with Prothy. and hand deliver to Sheriff. Notices are also generated to PSP out of PFAD.	Petitioner typically receives the order in hand that day, if they must leave, it is mailed.	Hand delivered at time or hearing or mailed.



Protection Order Information for Lackawanna County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.lackawannacounty.org/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.lackawannacounty.org/?s=PFA&submit.x=5&submit.y=8>

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
GENERAL INFORMATION									
Contact	Claire Czaykowski (570) 963-5692			Claire Czaykowski Local Police Department			Claire Czaykowski (570) 963-5692		
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM			When Court of Common Pleas is closed.			When Court of Common Pleas is closed.		
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM			When Court of Common Pleas is closed.			N/A		
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes			<i>Online:</i> No					
File Paperwork	E-mail, fax or drop off			Remote and in-person					
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration			On Call MDJ					
ASSISTANCE									
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone			<i>Available:</i> By Phone			<i>Available:</i> Yes		
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> N/A			<i>Available:</i> N/A			<i>Available:</i> N/A		
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> N/A			<i>Available:</i> N/A			<i>Available:</i> N/A		
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By phone, e-mail and in person			<i>Available:</i> By phone, e-mail and in person			<i>Available:</i> N/A		
HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In person, video or phone (depends on the Judge)			<i>Appears:</i> In person, video or phone (depends on the MDJ)			<i>Final PFA hearings: No; Extending order? Approx. 30 days</i>		
Petitioner	Appearance		Court/MDJ location	Appearance		Court/MDJ location	Appearance		Court/MDJ location
	By phone, in person		No	By phone, in person		No			
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Filed by Court Admin staff	E-mail or pick up	Sheriff	Varies by MDJ	Varies by MDJ	Varies by MDJ		Other	



Protection Order Information for Lancaster County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.co.lancaster.pa.us/Search?searchPhrase=PFA>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Court Administration/Bail (717) 295-2584		Court Administration/Bail		Court Administration (717) 299-8044	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM		Mon-Sun 5:00 PM - 8:30 AM		Mon-Sun 5:00 PM - 8:30 AM	
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 11:30 AM and 3:00 PM		Mon-Sun 5:00 PM - 8:30 AM		N/A	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i>		<i>Online:</i>			
File Paperwork	In Person		By Phone			
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration		Instructions are online. Forms are filled out by the MDJ.			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone and Video		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> By Video		<i>Appears:</i> By Phone		<i>Appears:</i> N/A <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No <i>Extending order?</i> Temporary until further Order of Court.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	Paperwork filled out in person. Hearing is by video.	By Phone	Offsite	N/A	Offsite
Respondent					N/A	Offsite
Witnesses					N/A	



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	E-mail	In person Court Admin./Ba il	Sheriff	E-mail	Police	Police	N/A	Police	N/A



Protection Order Information for Lawrence County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://co.lawrence.pa.us/>

Useful County Links: https://co.lawrence.pa.us/courts/pfa-coordinator-lawyer-referral-lawrence_county/

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Shannon Burrelli PFA Coord. (724) 656-1921	Shannon Burrelli PFA Coord. (724) 656-1921	Chris Eposito (724) 656-1921
Courthouse Hours	M-F 8:00 am to 3:00 pm	M-F 8:00 am. to 3:00 p.m. After hours th MDJ on Clal takes the Emergency PFA's 24/7	M-F 8:00 am. to 3:00 p.m. After hours th MDJ on Clal takes the Emergency PFA's 24/7
PFA Schedule	Monday through Friday 8-4 p.m.	Monday through Friday 8-4 p.m.	Scheduled as needed during workweek M-F 8-4
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	In Person.	In Person.	
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration. Shannon Burelli	Court Administration. MDJ on call.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person, or by phone if needed	<i>Available:</i> In Person, By phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person or by phone if necessary
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Phone. Available by phone	<i>Available:</i> Phone. Available by phone	<i>Available:</i> Available by phone
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Online. Online, by phone as well	<i>Available:</i> Online. Online ,by phone as well	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person. By phone initially and then after review they come in on a staggered basis to eliminate crowds	<i>Available:</i> In Person. By phone initially and then after review they come in on a staggered basis to eliminate crowds	<i>Available:</i> In Person. By phone initially and then after review they come in on a staggered basis to eliminate crowds
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person although we have technology set up to do it by videoconference , zoom or phone if needed	<i>Appears:</i> In Person although we have technology set up to do it by vidoconference, zoom or phone if necessary	<i>Appears:</i> In Person - although we have technology set up to do it by videoconference, zoom or phone if necessary.



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							<i>Final PFA hearings: Yes</i> <i>Extending order? Yes, the Temporary Order is extended. We just did it for about 6 weeks during COVID-19, but they are being scheduled regularly (Staggered and at half hour increments at this time)</i>		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	Whatever the judge deems appropriate.	Yes, unless judge decides not necessary.		Whatever the judge deems appropriate.	Yes, unless judge decides not necessary.		Whatever the judge deems appropriate.	Yes	
Respondent							In Person	Yes	
Witnesses							All hearings are staggered so as to avoid crowds in the courthouse. They have to currently wait in their automobiles in the parking lot until called into courthouse. If they are not driving, they can come in and be placed in a separate space until called into court.		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	In person	By PFA Coord. or in person	Sheriff or Police	In person	Pro's Office by mail	Sheriff or Police	In person	Pro's Office by mail	Pro's Office by mail



Protection Order Information for Lehigh County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.lehighcounty.org/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.lccpa.org/family/pfa/hourscontact.nex>

<https://www.lccpa.org/Covid19>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Colleen Weber (610) 782-3390	Colleen Weber (610) 782-3229	Colleen Weber (610) 782-3390
Courthouse Hours	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	MDJs are available for Emergency Protections Orders any time the Court of Common Pleas is not available.	MDJs are available for Emergency Protections Orders any time the Court of Common Pleas is not available.
PFA Schedule	M/W/F- 10:30 AM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM Tu/Thu 11:30 AM/1:30 PM/3:00 PM		Tu/Thu 9:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 11:30 AM
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	Petitioner can email or fax paperwork to the Family Court Office. The Family Court Office will then have the paperwork filed with the Clerk of Judicial Records.	Email, fax, or in person	
To Initiate Filing	https://www.lccpa.org/Covid19	On Call MDJ or Police (911)	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or Video	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or Video
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or Video	<i>Available:</i> N/A	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or Video
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> We provide contact information for the Lawyer Referral Service.	<i>Available:</i> N/A	<i>Available:</i> We provide contact information for the Lawyer Referral Service.
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> All depending on the specific Judge - hearings will be live, ZOOM or via telephone.	<i>Appears:</i> In person or may use video	<i>Appears:</i> All depending on the specific Judge - hearings will be live, ZOOM or via telephone.



Protection Order Information for Lehigh County

as of 4/30/20

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							<i>Final PFA hearings: Yes Extending order?</i>		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	A Petitioner may appear in person, via telephone, or via video, all depending on the individual judge.	No		The Petitioner is permitted to appear via video but in person is more common because they need to sign the petition before the hearing.	Only when the petitioner doesn't have access to a fax machine or scanner to forward the petition to the district court electronically.		A Petitioner may appear in person, via telephone, or via video, all depending on the individual judge.	No	
Respondent							Respondent may appear in person, via telephone, or via video, all depending on the individual judge.	No	
Witnesses							By video or telephone		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	E-mail	E-mail	Sheriff		From the MDJ		E-mail	U.S. Mail	U.S. Mail



Protection Order Information for Luzerne County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.luzernecounty.org/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.luzernecounty.org/501/Protection-From-Abuse>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Diane Marut (570) 826-3032		Diane Marut (570) 823-7312		Diane Marut (570) 826-3032	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM		3:30 PM or after		3:30 PM or after	
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri as temp PFA's are complete		3:30 PM or after		Currently May 5, 2020 & May 7, 2020.	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person		Online - I believe MDJ does this via Face Time/smart phones			
To Initiate Filing	PFA Office staff		Victim Advocate or 911			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> PFA office provides info to obtain Legal Services		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person and By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person and By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone		<i>Appears:</i> By Phone		<i>Appears:</i> Currently no Final PFA's being heard. Will be in person. <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No <i>Extending order?</i> Dates are changing based on state stay at home laws.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person or Video/Phone	Yes - In extreme circumstances video is used	By Phone and possibly in person	No	In Person	Yes



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Respondent							In Person	Yes - If service is made, Respondent is required to appear.	
Witnesses							Currently with Temp PFA, witness (victim) are on a remote phone in the courthouse. The Judge is on the other end in a courtroom doing the Ex Parte hearing.		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	PFA staff files paperwork in courthouse. Victim meets with Sheriff and delivers police copy in person	PFA staff	Sheriff or police service	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	PFA staff files with Prothy. and send police copy by mail. Petitioner and Respondent are handed their copy.	In person from PFA staff	In person



Protection Order Information for Lycoming County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.lyco.org/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.lyco.org/Elected-Officials/Sheriff/Protection-From-Abuse-Orders>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	YWCA Wise Options (800) 326-8483	YWCA Wise Options (800) 326-8483	YWCA Wise Options (800)326-8483
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
PFA Schedule	Generally, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but this may vary	Varies	Generally, Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, but this may vary
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	Petitioner goes to Wise Options. Wise Options emails the petition and proposed temporary order to the Judge and the Judge's secretary files the petition with the Prothonotary. If Wise Options has a conflict, the petitioner files the paperwork in person at the courthouse.	Petitioner goes to Wise Options. Wise Options emails the petition to the MDJ. If Wise Options has a conflict, the petitioner files the paperwork in person at the MDJ office.	
To Initiate Filing	YWCA Wise Options - If Wise Options has a conflict, Wise Options directs the petitioner to Court Administration.	YWCA Wise Options	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> Court staff assists the petitioner if Wise Options has a conflict.	<i>Available:</i> Court staff assists the petitioner if Wise Options has a conflict.	<i>Available:</i> In Person



HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<p><i>Appears:</i> Hearings on temporary PFAs filed by Wise Options are conducted via ZOOM. Hearings on temporary PFAs assisted by Court Admin. (if Wise Options has conflict) are in person in the courtroom.</p>			<p><i>Appears:</i> Video Polycom, FaceTime, or ZOOM</p>			<p><i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i></p>		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	Petitioner participates via ZOOM from the Wise Options office. Petitioner appears in person if Wise Options has a conflict.	Petitioner is only required to come to the courthouse if Wise Options has a conflict.		Petitioner participates via Polycom, FaceTime, or ZOOM from the Wise Options office.	The Petitioner is only required to go to the MDJ office if Wise Options has a conflict.		In Person	Yes	
Respondent							In Person	Yes	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	E-mail	Email if Wise Options; in-person if Ct. Admin. when Wise Options has conflict.	Sheriff	E-mail	Via email if Wise Options involved; in-person if Wise Options has a conflict.	Sheriff	Filed in person	Petitioner receives the order from court staff.	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for McKean County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.mckeancountypa.org/>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact						
Courthouse Hours	N/A all our temp PFA requests are made through the YWCA Domestic Violence Program and scheduled with the Court as needed.		On call MDJ handles emergency temp PFA		On call MDJ handles emergency temp PFA	
PFA Schedule	Whenever the court schedule permits					
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	Other. Advocate helps with paperwork and files in person, by fax or email					
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate.		On Call MDJ.			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> Yes - By Phone		<i>Available:</i> Yes - By Phone		<i>Available:</i> Yes - By Phone	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In person, by fax or email		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i> In person, by fax or email	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> NW Legal services is available by phone		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Video		<i>Appears:</i> Video		<i>Appears:</i> Video. <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes; <i>Extending order?</i> Yes, Temporary Order in effect until the final hearing.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	Petitioner can appear by video or telephone conference	No	Petitioner can appear by video or telephone conference	No	All parties can appear via video or telephone conference	No

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Respondent							Respondent can appear by video or telephone conference	No	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	In Person	In person from Advocate or Pet's counsel	In person from the police agency	By fax or mail.	In person.		In person.	In person from Advocate or Counsel	Mailed from filing office.



Protection Order Information for Mercer County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.mcc.co.mercer.pa.us/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.mcc.co.mercer.pa.us/Covid19/Default.htm>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Prothonotary - Ruth Bice or AWARE, Inc. (724) 662-3800		Prothonotary - Ruth Bice or AWARE, Inc.		Court of Common Pleas Judge (724) 662-3800	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		After 1:00 PM on the weekends		After 1:00 PM on the weekends	
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM -1:00 PM		After 1:00 PM Mon-Fri and on the weekends		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person		In Person			
To Initiate Filing	Prothonotary's Office or AWARE, Inc.		911			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i>	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Petitioner is given Legal Services phone number at the Ex Parte.		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i>	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary Until the final hearing can be heard, and as long as both parties agree to the extension.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	Yes	In Person	Yes	In Person	Yes

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Respondent							In Person	Yes	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	Court staff	Court staff	Sheriff	Police	Police	Police	Court staff	Police or Court staff	Judge's Law Clerk



Protection Order Information for Mifflin County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.co.mifflin.pa.us/Pages/Default.aspx>

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
GENERAL INFORMATION									
Contact	Abuse Network (717) 242-2444			Abuse Network (717) 242-2444			Abuse Network (717) 242-2444		
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM			Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM			Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM		
PFA Schedule	Monday through Friday			Monday through Friday			Monday through Friday		
Forms/instructions	<i>Online: No</i>			<i>Online: No</i>					
File Paperwork	E-filing			E-filing					
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate			Victim Advocate					
ASSISTANCE									
Interpreter Services	<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: ZOOM Hearing</i>		
Advocate	<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: Video</i>		
Legal Services	<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: By Phone</i>			<i>Available: ZOOM Hearing</i>		
Court Staff	<i>Available: In Person</i>			<i>Available: In Person</i>			<i>Available: ZOOM Hearing</i>		
HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<i>Appears: By Phone</i>			<i>Appears: By Phone</i>			<i>Appears: Viideo/ZOOM Hearing</i> <i>Final PFA hearings: Yes</i> <i>Extending order? Yes -Temporary until final hearing.</i>		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	By Phone	No		By Phone	No		Video/ZOOM Hearing	No	
Respondent							Video/ZOOM Hearing	No	
Witnesses							ZOOM hearing invitation		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	E-mail	E-mail	Sheriff	E-mail	E-mail	Sheriff	E-mail	E-mail	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for Monroe County

as of 5/18/20

Court Website: <http://www.monroepacourts.us>

Useful County Links: <http://www.monroepacourts.us/CourtAdministration/Pages/PFA.aspx>
<http://www.pacourts.us/forms/for-the-public>
<https://www.wrmonroe.org/>
www.pcadv.org
www.pcar.org/help-pa/locations

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	George Warden (570) 517-3370	George Warden (911) or (570) 992-4500	George Warden (570) 517-3370
Courthouse Hours	M-F; 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Via on-call MDJ outside of normal Court operating hours.	Via on-call MDJ outside of normal Court operating hours.
PFA Schedule	M-F; 11:45 AM and 3:30 PM	N/A	M-W-F; 5 cases per day for pandemic-staggered scheduling
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> YES	<i>Online:</i> YES	
File Paperwork	In Person.	Other. In Person/E-mail/FAX/FaceTime through Control Center/LE/MDJ	
To Initiate Filing	Prothonotary; DA's Victim Witness; Women's Resources	On Call MDJ. This is accomplished through Control Center/Law Enforcement	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> YES - In Person Or by phone, depending on timing and in person availability.	<i>Available:</i> YES - By Phone	<i>Available:</i> YES - In Person; Or by phone, depending on timing and in person availability.
Advocate			<i>Available:</i> In Person;
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Legal Advocate information is provided at the time of filing for use at Final		<i>Available:</i> In Person. A Court-appointed legal advocate is provided



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person. Broadening to include ACT within the Courthouse			<i>Available:</i> In Person. Broadening to include ACT within the Courthouse			<i>Available:</i> In Person. Broadening to include ACT within the Courthouse		
HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person Broadening to include ACT within the Courthouse			<i>Appears:</i> Hybrid			<i>Appears:</i> In Person. Broadening to include ACT within the Courthouse <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> YES; <i>Extending order?</i> YES Temporary A minimum of one week.		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	In Person. Broadening to include ACT within the Courthouse	YES		Hybrid	NO		In Person Broadening to include ACT within the Courthouse	YES	
Respondent							In Person *Video, if incarcerated.	YES *Video, if incarcerated.	
Witnesses							In-person or via telephone at the discretion of the presiding Judge.		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	E-mail.	Handed a copy in person.	In Person – Sheriff, PSP or Local LEO	E-mail	E-mail	PSP or Local LEO	E-mail.	E-mail or handed a copy in person.	In-person or via US Mail.



Protection Order Information for Montgomery County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.montcopa.org/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.montcopa.org/1670/Protection-From-Abuse-PFA>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Cheryl Leslie (610) 278-3174		Cheryl Leslie 1 (800) 773-2424		Cheryl Leslie (610) 278-3174	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM		After hours - weekends		After hours - weekends	
PFA Schedule	Daily		As needed		N/A	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person		In Person			
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration		The Hot Line #			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person and by phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> If apply and qualify for Legal Aid		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> N/A	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Video by video from one point in the Courthouse to another (courtroom).		<i>Appears:</i> Video		<i>Appears:</i> - N/A <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No <i>Extending order?</i> Indefinitely - scheduling of Final PFA Hearings is currently for dates in June 2020 and beyond - but the Orders will remain in effect until hearing.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	Yes - if represented by Counsel.	Video	No	N/A	N/A



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	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
		Counsel only may appear.							
Respondent							N/A	Off N/A	
Witnesses							The Petitioner is only applicable to Final PFAs - and we are not conducting them at present		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Sheriff	Court Staff	Sheriff		Police	Police	N/A	Police	N/A



Protection Order Information for Northampton County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.northamptoncounty.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Useful County Links: <https://www.northamptoncounty.org/CRTSRVCS/PFA/Pages/default.aspx>

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
GENERAL INFORMATION									
Contact	JoAnna Janette (610) 829-6459			JoAnna Janette			JoAnna Janette (610) 829-6459		
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 - 2:00 PM								
PFA Schedule	Walk in basis: Mon-Fri 8:30 - 2:30 PM								
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No			<i>Online:</i> No					
File Paperwork	In Person								
To Initiate Filing	PFA Office (610)-829-6459			Local Police					
ASSISTANCE									
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person			<i>Available:</i> Yes			<i>Available:</i> Yes		
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By E-mail or Phone			<i>Available:</i>			<i>Available:</i> By Phone		
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Turning Point			<i>Available:</i>			<i>Available:</i>		
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person			<i>Available:</i> In Person			<i>Available:</i>		
HEARING INFORMATION									
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Video			<i>Appears:</i>			<i>Appears:</i> - <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary 45 days		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	In Person	Yes - Petitioner must be present in person.			Off			Off	
Respondent								Off	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	PFA Office	Sheriff	Sheriff						



Protection Order Information for Northumberland County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.norrycopa.net/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.norrycopa.net/documents/courts/forms/PFAPetition.pdf>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Custody / PFA Office (570) 988-4172	Custody / PFA Office 911	Custody / PFA Office (570) 988-4172
Courthouse Hours	Monday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Monday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM	Monday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM
PFA Schedule	Weekdays 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM	As needed with on-call MDJ	Every Wednesday and other days, when necessary
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	In Person	In Person	
To Initiate Filing	Other - Custody / PFA Office	On Call MDJ	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> SVWIT is available if Plaintiff calls and comes in person when requested.	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> SVWIT is available if Plaintiff calls and comes in person when requested.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> North Penn Legal Services if accepted after intake.	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i> North Penn Legal Services if accepted after intake.
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person and By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person and By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> In Person, By Phone and/or Video	<i>Appears:</i> <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Generally, hearings are only continued ten business days. The order is extended one year from the date of the order.



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	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	In Person	A petition to participate by telephone may be granted on a case by case basis with good cause.		In Person, By Phone and/or Video.	No		In Person	A petition to participate by telephone or video may be granted on a case by case basis with good cause.	
Respondent							Video Incarcerated Def.s are appearing by video.	If Respondent is served, the court will proceed in his/her absence if he/she fails to appear.	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	Custody/ PFA Office	Custody/ PFA Office	Sheriff	Police	Police	Police	Custody/ PFA Office	Police or Custody/ PFA Office or U.S. Mail	Custody/ PFA Office or U.S. Mail



Protection Order Information for Pike County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.pikepa.org/>

Useful County Links: <http://court.pikepa.org/Prose.html>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Pike Prothonotary (570) 296-7231		Pike Prothonotary (570) 296-7700		Pike Prothonotary (570) 296-7231	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM		After courthouse hours		After courthouse hours	
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri: 1:00 PM		As an MDJ is available		Typically every Wednesday at 9:00 AM	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person		By Phone			
To Initiate Filing	Prothonotary		On Call MDJ - through the Communications Center			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> By Phone		<i>Appears:</i> By Phone		<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary until further order of court pending the next hearing date.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	Phone	They must present a completed	Phone	No	Court is currently permitting in	No



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
		petition to the Prothy. to initiate the request for a temporary.					person or video appearances.		
Respondent							Court is currently permitting in person or video appearances.	No	
Witnesses							The court is currently permitting in person, telephonic or video appearances by witnesses.		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	Court personnel to the Prothy.	E-mail	Sheriff	MDJ personnel to the Court	E-mail	PSP	Sheriff	E-mail	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for Potter County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://pottercountypa.net/>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	A Way Out (814) 274-0368		A Way Out (814) 274-0368			
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	
PFA Schedule	Any day - any time		Any day - any time		Any day - any time	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes		<i>Online:</i> Yes			
File Paperwork	In Person		In Person			
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate - A Way Out		Local MDJ, MDJ on Call or Local Advocate office			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone		<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person or By Phone		<i>Appears:</i> By Phone		<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> We usually have the final hearing within the 10 days if for some reason we go out of that time frame it is only by a few days. The temporary is only postponed for 24 hours.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person, By Phone or Video	Yes	In Person, By Phone or Video	Yes	By Phone or Video	Yes
Respondent					In Person	Yes



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	They can fax the paperwork in but most of the time it is hand delivered.	Sheriff	Sheriff	Fax	Police	PSP		Police	Sheriff



Protection Order Information for Schuylkill County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.co.schuylkill.pa.us/>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Sue Miggins (570) 628-1336		Sue Miggins (570) 628-1336		Sue Miggins (570) 628-1336	
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM		Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	
PFA Schedule					Wednesdays at 9:00 AM	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online: Yes</i>		<i>Online: No</i>			
File Paperwork	In Person		In Person			
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration		Court Administration			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available: By Phone</i>		<i>Available: By Phone</i>		<i>Available: In Person</i>	
Advocate	<i>Available: In Person</i>		<i>Available: In Person</i>		<i>Available: In Person</i>	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>	
Court Staff	<i>Available: In Person</i>		<i>Available: In Person</i>		<i>Available: In Person</i>	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears: In Person</i>		<i>Appears: In Person</i>		<i>Appears: In Person</i> <i>Final PFA hearings: Yes</i> <i>Extending order? Judge's discretion</i>	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	Person appears before a Judge upon completion of paperwork and meeting with an advocate.	In Person	Person appears before a Judge upon completion of paperwork and meeting with an advocate.	In Person	Yes
Respondent					In Person	Yes



Protection Order Information for Schuylkill County

as of 4/30/20

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
Witnesses							In person on the day of the final hearing which are scheduled on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Sheriff	Court Staff	Sheriff	Sheriff	Court Staff	Sheriff	Sheriff	Court Staff	Court Staff



Protection Order Information for Snyder/Union County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.snydercounty.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Useful County Links: www.transitionsofpa.org

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Snyder/Union County Courthouse (570) 837-4201	Snyder/Union County Courthouse 1 (800) 850-7948	Snyder/Union County Courthouse (570) 837-4201
Courthouse Hours	Daily	Daily	Daily
PFA Schedule			
Forms/instructions	<i>Online: No</i>	<i>Online: No</i>	
File Paperwork	In Person. Petitions can be dropped off in the entrance drop box or via email to Prothonotary's office.	In Person. Petitions can be dropped off in the entrance drop box or via email to Prothonotary's office.	
To Initiate Filing	Prothonotary. Transitions - drop box outside for Petitions	Transitions and 911 Call Center for On Call MDJ.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available: Yes - By Phone</i>	<i>Available: Yes - By Phone</i>	<i>Available: Yes - By Phone</i> Possibly by ZOOM
Advocate	<i>Available: By Phone. Transitions possibly in person</i>	<i>Available: By Phone. Transitions possibly in person</i>	<i>Available: By Phone. Transitions possibly in person</i>
Legal Services	<i>Available: By Phone.</i>	<i>Available: By Phone. By contacting Transitions</i>	<i>Available: By Phone. Possibly In Person</i>
Court Staff	<i>Available: By Phone or Email.</i>	<i>Available: By Phone or Email.</i>	<i>Available: By Phone or Email.</i>
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears: By Phone or Video</i>	<i>Appears: By Phone or Video</i>	<i>Appears: In Person or ZOOM when possible -</i> <i>Final PFA hearings: Yes</i> <i>Extending order? Yes</i> Temporary Union County - None have been scheduled until the judicial emergency has expired. Snyder



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							County - We have completed two Final PFA Hearings.		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	By Phone. Depends on the situation	No Depending upon the Judge		Depends on the situation	No Depending upon the Judge		By Phone Depends on the situation	No, Depending upon the Judge and if there are witnesses, case by case for Final Hearings.	
Respondent							By Phone, ZOOM or Polycom	Yes Depending upon the Judge	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	Sheriff.	Sheriff.	Sheriff.	MDJ faxes to the Prothy's Office	Sheriff.	Sheriff.	Sheriff.	Sheriff.	U.S. Mail.



Protection Order Information for Somerset County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.co.somerset.pa.us/>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Register of Wills (814) 445-1548	Register of Wills (814) 445-1548 or Call 911	Judge will schedule after reopen
Courthouse Hours	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM After hours - Call 911	8:30 AM - 4:00 PM After hours - Call 911
PFA Schedule	As necessary	As necessary	When we reopen, notification will go out
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	Mail or with Court Admin ROW not excepting anything but mail	Duty Judge will take email, fax or they will hand fill out a petition	
To Initiate Filing	Register of Wills	On Call MDJ or Register of Wills	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> They are Federal paid, so they are off work and not available to us.	<i>Available:</i> They are Federal paid, so they are off work and not available to us.	<i>Available:</i> They are Federal paid, so they are off work and not available to us.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> They are Federal paid, so they are off work and not available to us.	<i>Available:</i> They are Federal paid, so they are off work and not available to us.	<i>Available:</i> They are Federal paid, so they are off work and not available to us.
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> We will do what is necessary - phone or video.	<i>Appears:</i> We will do what is necessary - phone or video.	<i>Appears:</i> We will do what is necessary - phone or video. <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> No <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary 6 months



Protection Order Information for Somerset County

as of 4/30/20

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	We will do what is necessary - phone or video.	No		We will do what is necessary - phone or video.	No		We will do what is necessary - phone or video.	No	
Respondent							We will do what is necessary - phone or video.	No	
Witnesses							By telephone, video, in person, whatever is necessary		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	depends on who took the petition, more than not it would come here to my office by email or fax and I would file by person in our filing office.	In Person/ Sheriff	U.S. mail	Depends on who took the petition, more than not it would come here to my office by email or fax and I would file by person in our filing office.	In Person/ Sheriff	E-mail or U.S. mail	Depends on who took the petition, more than not it would come here to my office by email or fax and I would file by person in our filing office.	In Person/ Sheriff	E-mail or U.S. mail



Protection Order Information for Susquehanna County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.susqco.com/Pages/default.aspx>

Useful County Links: <http://www.susqco.com/Dept/Victim-Witness/Pages/default.aspx>

	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
GENERAL INFORMATION						
Contact	Becky Tierney (570) 278-6657		Becky Tierney (570) 465-3154		N/A	
Courthouse Hours	By appointment only		Non-business hours only		Non-business hours only	
PFA Schedule	By appointment only		Ex Parte hearings with MDJ only		As court calendar will allow	
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No		<i>Online:</i> No			
File Paperwork	In Person		At discretion of On Call MDJ			
To Initiate Filing	Victim/Witness Coordinator		PA State Police			
ASSISTANCE						
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone		<i>Available:</i> By Phone	
Advocate	<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i>	
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> N/A		<i>Available:</i> Ex Parte hearings with MDJ only.		<i>Available:</i> Parties must acquire their own.	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>		<i>Available:</i>	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person		<i>Appears:</i> Dependent upon circumstances		<i>Appears:</i> In Person <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Temporary until further order of this court.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	In Person	Must appear at courthouse	Dependent upon circumstance	No	Dependent upon circumstance	Dependent upon circumstance
Respondent					Dependent upon circumstance	No
Witnesses					Dependent upon circumstance	



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
Paperwork/Orders	In person/US PS filed with Protonotary	Sheriff	Sheriff	No post trial paperwork -Petitioner must file for temporary by end of next business day.	PSP	PSP	U.S. Mail filed with Prothy.	PSP mailed from Prothy. following hearing	Mailed from Prothy. following hearing



Protection Order Information for Washington County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <http://www.co.washington.pa.us/>

Useful County Links: www.washingtoncourts.us/276/Protection-From-Abuse

<https://www.co.washington.pa.us/207/Sheriff>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Jessica Pawuk (724) 223-8349	Jessica Pawuk 9-1-1	Shannon Moore (724) 223-2836
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM by telephone	Non-business hours	Non-business hours
PFA Schedule	Mon-Fri 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM by telephone	Non-business hours	As scheduled; usually on Wednesday
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes	<i>Online:</i> Yes	
File Paperwork	By Phone	In Person	
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate	On Call MDJ	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> Video or telephone
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> Phone	<i>Available:</i> Advocates are not currently participating in hearings. An advocate can be contacted by telephone.	<i>Available:</i> Other
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Judge is in person; the petitioner usually is as well. Petitions may also be by phone.	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> Judge is in person; the petitioner usually is as well. Others may participate by phone. <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> As determined by a Common Pleas judge.



Protection Order Information for Washington County

as of 4/30/20

	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	In person or by phone	No		In Person	The MDJ speaks to the petitioner by telephone, then decides whether to meet the petitioner in person.		In person or by phone is represented by counsel.	No	
Respondent							Respondent can appear in person or by phone if represented by counsel.	No	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent			
	E-mail	Sheriff	Sheriff	E-mail	MDJ office	Sheriff	In person by court staff. Proof of service is filed by either the Sheriff or Victim Advocate on behalf of the police department.	U.S. Mail	U.S. Mail



Protection Order Information for Wayne County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://waynecountypa.gov/>

Useful County Links: <http://waynecountypa.gov/282/PFA-Process>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Wayne County Prothonotary	Wayne County Prothonotary (570) 253-5970 Ext. 4522	Nicole Hendrix (570) 253-0101
Courthouse Hours	Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Any time	Any time
PFA Schedule	11:30 AM Mon-Fri or walk-ins		Fridays, generally 9:00 AM
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	In Person	In Person	
To Initiate Filing	Prothonotary's Office	On Call MDJ	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i>	<i>Available:</i> If requested prior to a hearing and qualify for services, then North Penn Legal services may be available.
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> In Person	<i>Appears:</i> Phone or E-mail approved for Emergency Filings.	<p><i>Appears:</i> We will allow individuals to participate via telephone if they request in advance.</p> <p><i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes</p> <p><i>Extending order?</i> At first, we did two weeks. Now, we have extended beyond that due to the pandemic. If no concerns regarding eviction or child custody, then extended until stay-at-home order is lifted and/or court is open. If child custody or</p>



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
							eviction concerns, then only small delays.		
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
	In Person	The paperwork requires a signature of the Petitioner.		By Phone			We allow by phone or video if requested.	No	
Respondent							If requested, may be by phone or video.	No	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	If PFA granted, Petitioner takes his/her paperwork back to the Proth. If not granted, is taken to Proth by court staff.	Court staff	Sheriff			In Person - PSP	Paperwork filed by court staff following hearing	U.S. Mail	U.S. Mail



Protection Order Information for Westmoreland County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/>

Useful County Links: <https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/312/PFA-and-PSVI-Act-Procedures>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	Dence DiPerna (724) 853-2207	Dence DiPerna (724) 853-2207	Judge Silvis or Judge Walsh (724) 830-3000
Courthouse Hours	8:30 AM - 12:00 PM - Daily	MDJs handling emergencies daily starting at 12:00 PM until the following day at 8:30 AM.	MDJs handling emergencies daily starting at 12:00 PM until the following day at 8:30 AM.
PFA Schedule	Mondays and Tuesdays of each week. If Monday is a holiday then Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.		
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> Yes	<i>Online:</i> Yes	
File Paperwork	By Video	By Video	
To Initiate Filing	Court Administration	Local MDJ	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By phone or in person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i> By Phone	<i>Available:</i>
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> Not available during pandemic	<i>Available:</i> Not present for emergencies	<i>Available:</i>
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i> In Person	<i>Available:</i>
HEARING INFORMATION			
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Video	<i>Appears:</i> Video	<i>Appears:</i> Video <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Usually until the next PFA Final hearing date unless additional time is necessary.



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location		Appearance	Court/MDJ location	
Petitioner	Petitioner reports to courthouse in person but hearing with judge by video.	Yes		In Person	Police				
Respondent								Not required but a hearing is set for the parties to appear.	
Witnesses									
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	By court staff	By court staff	Sheriff	Police	Police	Police	By court staff	Police or by court staff	Handed to them if present or mailed to them if not present at the final hearing.



Protection Order Information for York County

as of 4/30/20

Court Website: <https://yorkcountypa.gov/>

Useful County Links: <https://yorkcountypa.gov/courts-criminal-justice/court-courtrelated-offices/protection-from-abuse-office.html>

	Temporary	Emergency	Final
GENERAL INFORMATION			
Contact	PFA Office/Prothonotary (717) 771-9611	PFA Office/Prothonotary (717) 771-4325	PFA Office/Prothonotary (717) 771-9611
Courthouse Hours	Mon- Fri 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	After normal business hours or when a CP judge is unavailable.	After normal business hours or when a CP judge is unavailable.
PFA Schedule	Daily as heard by the judge scheduled. Currently staggering case start times.	Scheduled before the MDJ Duty Judge at all times that a Common Pleas Judge is unavailable or the Judicial Center is closed.	By multiple judges simultaneously on Mondays & Thursdays from 9-12 but with staggered start times for all cases to limit number of people in courtroom.
Forms/instructions	<i>Online:</i> No	<i>Online:</i> No	
File Paperwork	In Person	In Person	
To Initiate Filing	Victim Advocate -The Advocates staff the PFA office in the Judicial Center and if they are unable to assist Petitioner, then the Petitioner is referred to the Court Self-Help Center for assistance.	By contacting the MDJ Duty Support Office located in the Judicial Center and open 24-7.	
ASSISTANCE			
Interpreter Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person or By Phone	<i>Available:</i> InPerson, By Phone or Video, depending on time and availability	<i>Available:</i> In Person
Advocate	<i>Available:</i> In Person during normal business hours or by phone after hours.	<i>Available:</i> By Phone or In Person if the petitioner reports to the agency.	<i>Available:</i> In Person during normal business hours or by phone after hours.
Legal Services	<i>Available:</i> In Person, although rarely are parties represented at the temporary hearing, attorneys are	<i>Available:</i> No	<i>Available:</i> In Person - Attorneys are permitted in the JC and the courtrooms for proceedings deemed



	Temporary		Emergency		Final	
	permitted in the JC and the courtrooms for proceedings deemed "emergent" and PFAs fall under this classification.				"emergent" and PFAs fall under this classification.	
Court Staff	<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person		<i>Available:</i> In Person	
HEARING INFORMATION						
Judge	<i>Appears:</i> Hearings are conducted in person in the Courtroom with limited participants present unless the case requires a party to participate via phone or video, in which case the judge initiates the video conference from a court room.		<i>Appears:</i> Video		<i>Appears:</i> Hearings are conducted in person in the Courtroom with limited participants present unless the case requires a party to participate via phone or video. <i>Final PFA hearings:</i> Yes <i>Extending order?</i> Yes - Temporary until the time of the Final Hearing.	
Petitioner	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location	Appearance	Court/MDJ location
	Petitioners are most often appearing in person, however, we have had instances when petitioners appeared by video & phone depending on situation (in one case petitioner was isolated due to exposure to COVID-19; in another petitioner was not permitted to	Filings must be done in person or by mail. In most cases, Petitioners are required to come in person to participate in hearing, however, exceptions are being made on a case by case basis.	Petitioners are most often appearing in person, however we have had instances when petitioners appeared by video & phone depending on situation.	Filings must be done in person or by mail. In most cases Petitioners are required to come in person to participate in hearing; however exceptions are being made on a case by case basis.	Petitioners are most often appearing in person, however, we have had instances when petitioners appeared by video & phone depending on situation.	Filings must be done in person or by mail. In most cases Petitioners are required to come in person to participate in hearing; however exceptions are being made on a case by case basis.



	Temporary			Emergency			Final		
	enter the Judicial Center at the time of the hearing due to presenting with a fever).								
Respondent							Accommodations could be made if the person presented with symptoms at the time of the hearing or in advance.	Accommodations could be made if the person presented with symptoms at the time of the hearing or in advance.	
Witnesses							Witnesses appear for final hearings in person, by telephone or by video on a case by case basis.		
Paperwork/Orders	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent	Court	Petitioner	Respondent
	Prothy Clerk	If in Ctrm. receives a copy in court. If not,mailed by Prothy.	Sheriff	E-mail by duty support staff to Prothy.	If in Judicial Center, handed a copy after hearing. Otherwise mailed by Prothy.	Sheriff	Prothy Clerk	If in ctrm. handed a copy in court. Otherwise, Prothy. serves by mail.	Final Orders served by Prothy. via mail. The Sheriff serves finals if the Def./Resp. was not at hrg. And weapons ordered to be turned over.