

Return to In-Person Operations Plan Highlights

Phase I

May 18, 2020

Good News! Our region has met established bench-marks, triggering the first phase of a return to more in-person operations. Throughout this public health crisis, the courts have remained opened and, while limiting foot traffic, have continued to hear Essential Matters.

Over the past several weeks, courts have been steadily increasing cases handled and clearing up existing pending matters. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of our remarkable judges and court staff, we are ready to begin Phase I of the Return to In-Person Operations

We will begin a flexible, measured and steady return to in-person operations commencing on May 18, 2020. We will continue to ensure the safety of all who enter the Courthouses – Judges, Staff and the public by assuring that appropriate safety measures are followed.

- Judges and Chambers Staff in Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates Counties will return to their courthouses commencing May 18, 2020.
 - Use of appropriate PPE required
- On May 18, 2020, the Court will begin accepting filings in new matters by electronic means. On May 18, 2020, the Courts will begin accepting paper filings in new matters, where otherwise permitted.
- All County and City Courthouses in Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Seneca, Steuben, Wayne and Yates Counties will be open and staffed. Cayuga County will open as appropriate following the Governor's opening of the New York Central Region.
- County Courthouse operations will continue as they are presently.
- Town & Village Court Justices and clerks may return to work in their courthouses handling clerical matters and working on decisions.
- Town & Village Courts will be open but there will be no calendars and foot traffic will not be encouraged.
- Security personnel to ensure proper PPE (masks, hand sanitizer) and spatial distancing for public who enter the courthouse
- Employees
 - Use of masks/gloves
 - Spatial distancing at work stations
 - Provisions for vulnerable employees