

No adverse action was taken on any civil (eviction, small claims, or restraining order) case between March 17, 2020 and May 15, 2020.

No adverse action will be taken on any criminal or traffic case between March 17, 2020 and July 7, 2020.

What does that mean?

If you have a traffic ticket or criminal charge, you will not be tried in your absence while the court is not conducting court due to the pandemic. You will not be penalized for missing court during the state of emergency. A bench warrant will not be issued for you. Nothing will happen on the case. It will remain pending. The bond conditions remain in place while your case is pending. You will receive a summons at the address on your ticket or warrant. If you have new contact information, send it to: fortmillfilings@yorkcountygov.com

Include your personal identifiers in the email: name, address, phone number, and ticket or warrant numbers. If you don't know ticket or warrant numbers, give us all the details that you do know, including the charge and/or issuing agency (York County Sheriff / Highway Patrol / York County Animal Control). No action will be taken by the court to suspend your driver license if you miss court due to the state of emergency.

If you have a civil lawsuit pending, the court is hearing cases using Zoom (video conferencing technology). You will be notified of the hearings date and provided with a link and password to join the Zoom hearing. You do not have pay a fee or have a Zoom account to participate in a Zoom hearing. A phone or internet connection is required to participate in a Zoom hearing. Nothing will happen on the case prior to the Zoom hearing unless you fail to Answer the lawsuit in a timely manner. An Answer to a civil lawsuit must be filed within thirty (30) days of service on you.

If you have filed a petition for a restraining order, the cases are being scheduled and heard using Zoom. They will remain pending until heard by the judge during the Zoom hearing. You will be notified of the hearings date and provided with a link and password to join the Zoom hearing. You do not have pay a fee or have a Zoom account to participate in a Zoom hearing. A phone or internet connection is required to participate in a Zoom hearing. The temporary order will remain in place and the other person should not have ANY contact with you. If they do, report it to law enforcement and send an email with the details to the above listed email address. Please include your contact information, even if you think we already have it.

If someone has filed a petition for a restraining order against you, the case will remain pending until it is heard by the judge during the Zoom hearing. You are not to have ANY contact with the opposing party while the petition is pending.

The South Carolina Supreme Court ordered that evictions resume on May 15, 2020. If an eviction action was filed prior to March 17, 2020, the case resumed on May 15, 2020. If a judgment of eviction was issued prior to March 17, 2020, the case resumed on May 15, 2020.