

# GOING TO COURT DURING THE PANDEMIC

## COVID-19 Know Your Rights Series

### ARE COURTS OPEN RIGHT NOW?

**Courts are only open for certain types of cases.**

Some cases are being heard in-person at court, some are being heard online/virtually, and some cases may not be heard until a later date. The meeting invitation or court appearance notice will tell you how to appear at the court proceeding.

For questions about a case already in court, call the courthouse. You can find the phone number for any court using the Court Locator on [www.NYCourts.gov](http://www.NYCourts.gov). You can also call the Coronavirus Court Hotline at 1-833-503-0447.

### HOW DOES VIRTUAL COURT WORK?

**Your court appearance may be online or by telephone.**

Your court meeting notice will tell you if it will be virtual. New York State courts doing virtual court appearances use Skype for Business, Microsoft Teams, and telephone conferencing. You may need to have a webcam, privacy, and a good internet connection. The meeting invitation or court appearance notice will tell you how to appear at the court proceeding. If you don't know what to do, contact the court.



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### HOW DO I SUBMIT MY DOCUMENTS TO COURT?

**Use the Electronic Document Delivery System (EDDS).**

EDDS securely delivers documents to court. You may also be able to file electronically online. Visit [www.NYCourts.gov](http://www.NYCourts.gov) for more information.

### TALK TO AN ATTORNEY

**Contact your local LawNY office for help.**

Visit [www.lawny.org](http://www.lawny.org) or call your local office:

**Bath** (607) 776-4126; Toll Free (877) 776-4126

**Elmira** (607) 734-1647

**Geneva** (315) 781-1465; Toll Free: (866) 781-5235

**Ithaca** (607) 273-3667; Toll Free: (800) 724-4170

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