

Buncombe County Court Appearances During COVID-19

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Do I Need to Come to Court?



The Buncombe County courthouse begins expanding operations June 1. This information highlights who needs to come to court & what happens if you do not appear.

- If you are charged with Domestic Violence, DWIs and Class A1 Misdemeanors* you must come to court.
- If you are charged with a felony pending in Superior Court you must come to court unless your attorney instructs otherwise.
- If you're charged with any other crime, contact your lawyer for information about your court date.
- If you received a June or July administrative court date for a traffic matter or misdemeanor, your case has been rescheduled. Go to [BuncombeDA.org](https://www.buncombe.org/BuncombeDA.org) to look up your new court date.

Failing to appear in court when required can result in an order for arrest and financial penalty.

What to Expect in the Courthouse



These measures are being taken to ensure your safety during your visit to the courthouse.

- Guidelines set by the CDC are being followed to ensure your safety in the courthouse and social distancing will be enforced.
- Upon arrival in the courthouse, your temperature will be taken.
- Per Buncombe County Ordinance, face coverings are required in public spaces. If you do not have one, one will be provided to you upon arrival.
- Plan to arrive at the Buncombe County Courthouse, 60 Court Plaza in Asheville, 30 minutes before your scheduled court session.
- If you are experiencing symptoms, contact your attorney. If you do not have an attorney, contact the clerks office at (828) 259-3400.

Resources & More Information

- [*For a complete list of Class A1 Misdemeanor charges, click here to be directed to nccourts.gov/class-A1-misd-list](https://nccourts.gov/class-A1-misd-list)
- [To watch Buncombe County's press release with more information about courthouse operations, click here to be directed to YouTube.com/BCTV](https://www.youtube.com/BCTV)
- [To find your court date, click here to be directed to nccourts.gov/court-dates](https://nccourts.gov/court-dates)
- [If you would like to receive reminders about your court date, click here to be directed to nccourts.gov/notifications](https://nccourts.gov/notifications)
- [For more information about face coverings/masks, click here to be directed to cdc.gov/about-face-coverings](https://www.cdc.gov/about-face-coverings)

If you miss your court date, contact your lawyer immediately. If you do not have a lawyer, contact the District Attorney's Office at (828) 259-3410

example of different face coverings

