

Notice to Defendants: Due to the COVID-19 emergency, our regular court sessions have been suspended until a later date. However, to resolve your case without coming to court, we have implemented several options outlined below for your consideration.

Notification of Rights: If you attended court in person, the Judge would advise you of your rights as a defendant in the municipal courts. Fortunately, these rights are available online and you are **required** to take a few minutes to view the video before choosing an option below.

Here is the web link to YouTube videos of the statement of rights in multiple languages and American Sign Language: Please log on to this website to view the opening statement, pick the language you want the video to be played in. <https://njcourts.gov/courts/mcs.html>

If you are indigent and wish to be represented but cannot afford an attorney, please call the court and request a public defender application form and one will be emailed to you. Once it is returned to the court, the Judge will review the information and you will be advised if you qualify for the Public Defender. If you have hired an attorney, or will be hiring an attorney, kindly advise the attorney to contact the Court to enter an appearance on your behalf. If you will be representing yourself, please fill out the remainder of this letter and return it to the court.

Plea Bargain with Prosecutor: If you would like to review your case with the Municipal Prosecutor to determine if the Prosecutor would offer you a plea agreement to a lesser charge or that would result in lesser fines and/or points, please return this form with the following information so that the Prosecutor may contact you to discuss a plea agreement. You will be sent a link for the video court session. **A video session is required with the Judge.**

Guilty Plea: If you plead guilty to the charge as written, you will receive a link for the video court session. The Judge will access any fines and costs associated to your ticket/complaint.

Your Name:

Ticket/Complaint #:

Telephone Number:

email Address:

Please check I HAVE VIEWED THE ONLINE OPENING STATEMENT

CHECK ONE: **Guilty** **NOT Guilty.**

Four days before your scheduled virtual court session you will receive a court invitation through email. Please check your SPAM/JUNK folder in case the invite is in that folder.

After the court session a court representative will contact you in reference any fines or costs due. If a negotiated plea cannot be reached, the case will require a video trial. Please email this form back to us as soon as possible to ensure your appointment.