

**COUNTY JAIL**

If in-custody persons were brought to the Courthouse, rather than appearing by Zoom, are there spaces in the holding areas for attorneys to meet with defendants privately? If yes, how many?

Since the onset of COVID-19, who has directed whether a specific court appearance is going to be virtual or in-person? (i.e. in-custody Arraignments)

Prior to the onset of COVID-19, many Districts handled in-custody Arraignments by Video, so the pandemic didn't change that practice -- so, prior to COVID-19, who directed in-custody Arraignments to be by video in those Counties where that has been the practice?

For those counties that handled in-custody Arraignments by video pre-COVID, what year did it start, and what prompted the change from in-person?

Other

**Androscoggin**

Yes, two.

The Court

Only in-person pre-COVID

N/A

At present, it depends on the day whether Court for in-custodies is in-person vs on Zoom (Court decides and informs necessary parties)

**Aroostook**

Yes, there is at least one meeting room at each Court location.

The Court

Arraignments have been by video both pre and during COVID; unknown who directed that to occur  
N/A

Unknown

**Cumberland**

It depends on the # of persons in-custody. Jail/transport staff will accommodate as best they can if a private conversation has to occur, but the space is not set up to do so automatically.

Court.

N/A

N/A

Harder on CCJ staff to be on video; CCJ would prefer in-person.

**Franklin**

It varies depending on the # of persons in-custody that are brought to Court. No space is specifically designed for private atty/inmate communication, but there are some rooms that can be utilized IF there is staffing AND no security issues created.

Court

It was on polycom for some time pre-COVID, now it's Zoom. Unknown

Unknown

Much more efficient by Zoom.

**Hancock**

*No formal space at courthouse; accommodations could be made at the jail for the LOD/Defendant meetings, but only one of these meetings could take place at a time*

*Court in consultation with the jail*

*Prior to COVID, Arraignments were in person* N/A

N/A

<b>Kennebec</b>	<i>The jail has 3 spaces for for confidential meetings with attorneys, but they are non-contact. There are also interview rooms on each floor, and bigger or different space can be accommodated if appropriate notice is given.....if Arr were at the Courthouse, there is a private space on the 1st floor and 3rd floor, and then other larger general holding areas, but given the staffing and security concerns, video Arraignments are better all-around.</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Prior to COVID, the Court in consultation with the jails conducted Arraignments by video.</i>	<i>Video Arraignments started before 2006, but an exact date is unknown.</i>
<b>Knox</b>	<i>1 designated holding area at the courthouse</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Prior to COVID, Arraignments were in person</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Oxford</b>	<i>1 at the courthouse; there are 2 at the jail</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Prior to COVID, court in consultation with the jails</i>	<i>10 years ago; made things more efficient given the number of Courts OCJ had to take people to, and the geographic distance that would have to be traveled</i>
<b>Penobscot</b>	<i>Yes, two in holding area; one outside holding area off courtroom where in-custodies.</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Prior to COVID, Arraignments were in person</i>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>Piscataquis</b>	<i>Yes, two in holding area.</i>	<i>The Clerk of Courts directs virtual or in person appearances.</i>	<i>Clerk of Courts</i>	<i>5 years ago; unknown why the change</i>
<b>Somerset</b>	<i>No (there is an area for meetings, but it's not private because jail staff is present and it's through glass with necessitates louder voices).</i>	<i>The Court.</i>	<i>Prior to Covid, DA/Court determined video vs in-person for in-custody Arraignments (M/F video; Wed in person)</i>	<i>November 2008 (when new jail was opened).</i>
<b>Two Bridges (Sag &amp; Lincoln)</b>	<i>Two</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>Court</i>	<i>At least 14 years, possibly longer -- 2-3 areas in jail for LODs to meet with inmates for Arraignments</i>
<b>Waldo</b>	<i>Break-out rooms now; new courthouse since COVID, their holding area has 2 spaces for private meetings (non-contact, but totally private)</i>	<i>Court and jail jointly</i>	<i>Prior to COVID court was in-person</i>	<i>N/A</i>

**Washington**

Washington County has a new courthouse with multiple rooms for private meetings, but most attorneys meet with their clients at the jail prior to any in-person Court.

Court and Jail jointly.

N/A

N/A

**York**

*At the jail, there are 4 spaces for confidential conversations; while the current courthouses do not have dedicated spaces for in-custody persons to have confidential meetings with their clients, the new courthouse (opening April 2023) will have 5 private areas for in-custody meetings, and there will be a separate video chat conference room as well*

*Court and jail jointly*

*Prior to COVID, video Arraignments have been going on for years (court and jail decision) As long as anyone at the jail can remember*

**CONFERENCE ROOMS AND/OR OPTIONAL SPACE FOR EACH COURT**

			<i>LAWYER ROOMS USED FOR</i>		<i>PRISONER CONFERENCE ROOM</i>
<b>REGION 1</b>	<i>CONFERENCE ROOMS</i>	<i>ALCOVES (OPEN SPACE)</i>	<i>CONFERENCE SPACE</i>	<i>JURY ROOM SPACE USED</i>	
Alfred	0	0	0	0	0
Biddeford	6	0	0	0	0
Springvale	10	0	0	0	0
York	5	0	0	0	0
<b>REGION 2</b>					
Portland	7	0	0	0	0
Bridgton	3	0	0	0	0
<b>REGION 3</b>					
Lewiston	11	4	1	0	0
Androscoggin	2	0	1	0	1
So Paris	6	0	0	0	0
Rumford	2	0	0	0	0
Franklin	1	0	0	0	0
Farmington	4	0	0	0	1
<b>REGION 4</b>					
Augusta	14	0	0	0	0
Waterville	4	0	0	0	0
<b>REGION 5</b>					
Bangor	15	0	0	0	0
Dover	3	0	0	0	0
Lincoln	4	0	0	0	0
Millinocket	3	0	0	0	0
Newport	3	0	0	0	0
<b>REGION 6</b>					
West Bath	6	0	0	0	0
Sagadahoc	2	0	0	0	0
Rockland	3	0	0	0	0
Belfast	11	1	0	0	0

**REGION 7**

Calais	2	0	1	0	0
Machias	6	0	1	0	0
Ellsworth	3	0	0	1	0

**REGION 8**

Fort Kent	4	0	0	0	0
Madawaska	3	0	0	0	0
Presque Isle	4	0	0	0	0
Caribou	4	0	0	0	0
Houlton	3	0	0	0	0

Region	COURT	HOW MANY ARR PER MONTH	FULL OR HALF DAY ARR?	AVG # OF CASES PER ARR SESSION?
1	SPRINGVALE	2	1/2 day	90
1	YORK DC	2	1/2 day	40-50
1	BIDDEFORD	4	2 full days plus two 1/2 days	80-90 for Saco/OOB PD; 60-75 for Other Depts
2	BRIDGTON DC	2	Oxford County cases: full day (1/2 adult, 1/2 JV); Cumberland County cases: full day	Oxford County day: 30-40 cases; Cumberland County day: 60-80 cases
2	PORTLAND	24 (1/2 in-custody, 1/2 walk-in)	Each session is a 1/2 day	Walk-ins: 20-60 (depends on day/department); In-custody: 15 (higher pre-COVID)
3	FRANKLIN	1	Full days	80
3	RUMFORD	1	Full Day	80-100
3	SOUTH PARIS	1	Full	75-90
3	LEWISTON	4	full	75
4	WATERVILLE	2	Full days	60-75
4	Skowhegan/Somerset	4	half days - times are 8:30 am session 1 1:00 pm session 2 Week 1 and Week 2 of each month	40-50
4	Augusta	4-5	half days	65
5	Dover-Foxcroft	1	Less than 1/2 a day	<50
5	Newport	2	Half Days	25-30
5	Bangor	6	Half days	80-140 (depends on PD)
6	Wiscasset	2	full days	15-20 in AM; 15-20 in PM
6	West Bath DC/Sagadahoc UCD	5 (3 for Sag, 2 for Cumb)	Half days	35-45
6	Rockland	3	Half Days	30-50
6	Waldo County Courts	3	half day	25
7	Ellsworth	2	Full days	75
7	Machis	1	full	90
7	Calais District Court	2 in 1 morning	We have a session @ 8:30 and 10:30	10-20 the first session and 15-30 the second session
8	Houlton Courts	1	Full day	65
8	PRESQUE ISLE DISTRICT COURT	1 (with AM & PM session)	FULL DAY	60-75
8	Caribou	1	half days	50 to 60