

**NOTICE REGARDING PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 123, § 35  
IN THE BOSTON MUNICIPAL COURT**

The following update is provided regarding proceedings pursuant to G.L. c. 123, § 35 in the Boston Municipal Court Department.

Starting on June 29, 2020, all summonses and warrants of apprehension issued upon the filing of a Petition for commitment pursuant to G.L. c. 123, § 35 will be returned to a Boston Municipal Court courthouse for a hearing as set forth in § 35.

Until July 10, 2020, petitions for commitment pursuant to G.L. c. 123, § 35 may be initiated by calling the telephone number of the court division with jurisdiction over the matter and, upon apprehension or summons return, the respondent will be evaluated virtually while physically in the courthouse. The Respondent and counsel will be given an opportunity to confer privately prior to the hearing and said conference may be conducted virtually. The hearing on the Petition will be thereafter be held pursuant to G.L. c. 123, § 35, and may proceed virtually in the discretion of the presiding justice.

Where a Respondent who is subject to a Petition is hospitalized, all effort will continue to be made to conduct the proceeding virtually with the Respondent participating while physically present in the hospital.

Dated: June 26, 2020