

VIRGINIA:

IN THE TWELFTH DISTRICT JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT
COURTS FOR CHESTERFIELD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS

ORDER

Pursuant to the State of Emergency declared by the President of the United States, the Governor of Virginia, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and pursuant to Virginia Code Section 16.1-69.35(5), the Chief Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court having determined that, under the prevailing conditions, there exists an emergency health crisis that constitutes a threat to the health and safety of both the general public and the clerk's office personnel, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. The Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court is closed to the public from Monday, March 16 through Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The clerk's office personnel and the Judges will report for work as required by their supervisors. Incarcerated defendants will be arraigned by video only.

2. All cases scheduled for trial from Thursday, March 19, 2020 through April 6, 2020 involving Child Support; Civil Custody and Visitation; Juvenile Traffic Cases; Adult Criminal Cases and Juvenile Delinquency (Criminal) Cases are hereby CONTINUED except as set forth herein. Witnesses subpoenaed for these matters are hereby EXCUSED from appearing. Bond reviews for incarcerated adult defendants shall occur at 11:30 AM the same day as the previously scheduled trial date. Detention reviews for detained juveniles shall occur at 10:30 AM the same day as the previously scheduled trial date.

3. The Court will also conduct limited hearings including bond motions, petitions for Family Abuse Protective Orders, petitions for Abuse and Neglect, video arraignments of incarcerated persons charged with violations of the criminal code of the Commonwealth and when warranted, and emergency motions filed during that period. Whenever possible, these hearings will be conducted by video or telephonically.

4. All individuals entering the courthouse facility shall comply with any directive issued by the Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia has ORDERED that individuals shall not enter the building if they have visited any high-risk country, identified by the CDC, in the previous 14 days; travelled domestically within the United States where COVID-19 has sustained widespread community transmission; been asked to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor by any doctor, hospital, or health agency; been diagnosed with or had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; experienced symptoms such as a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or resided with or been in close contact with any person in the above-mentioned categories.

5. This Order shall remain in effect pending further Order of the Court.

ENTERED: 

Scott D. Landry, Chief Judge
Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
For Chesterfield County