

**APRIL 23, 2020**

**SCOTT COUNTY GENERAL DISTRICT COURT**

**CONTINUING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY ORDER**

In accordance with Virginia Code § 17.1-207 and the Order of the Supreme Court of Virginia declaring a Judicial Emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia on March 16, the SCOTT COUNTY GENERAL DISTRICT COURT located at the Scott County Courthouse, 202 W. Jackson Street, Gate City, shall **REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC** for all non-essential, non-emergency cases until MAY 18, 2020, or as this ORDER may be further extended.

**All pending cases will be RESCHEDULED and the Clerk's Office will send out notices of new court dates once the Period of Judicial Emergency has been lifted. Please notify the Clerk's Office of any change of address so that you may receive notice of your new court date.**

The following types of cases are considered ESSENTIAL, or EMERGENCY, matters and are **NOT** postponed during the Judicial Emergency:

- Criminal Trials Involving Incarcerated Defendants
- Bond Hearings
- Protective Orders
- Arraignments for Incarcerated Defendants

**ALL NECESSARY HEARINGS ARE LIMITED TO TEN (10) PERSONS OR LESS AND ONLY ESSENTIAL PARTIES AND WITNESSES WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE COURTROOM.**

**SCOTT COUNTY GENERAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE**

**The SCOTT COUNTY GENERAL DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE SHALL REMAIN OPEN TO THE PUBLIC on a limited basis from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. each weekday for ESSENTIAL and EMERGENCY court business. However, the public is strongly encouraged to conduct any clerk's office business by phone, email, electronic filing or fax during this Period of Judicial Emergency.**

**Please call or email the Clerk's Office in advance so that arrangements can be made and instructions given on how to proceed with any essential business or emergency matters.**

**If you are unsure if your already scheduled matter or hearing is essential or emergency and still on schedule, or if you are unsure if you must appear as a witness in a case, please call the Clerk's Office for further instructions.**

**CLERK'S OFFICE PHONE: 1-276-386-7341**

**FAX: 1-276-386-2840**

**EMAIL: [khoo@vacourts.gov](mailto:khoo@vacourts.gov)**

**ORDERED THIS THE 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2020.**

**/s/ Shawn L. Hines**

**Chief Judge, Scott County General District Court**