

# GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Lynchburg General District Court will start having regular hearings on May 18, 2020. Please note the following:

- Only parties and witnesses will be allowed in the courtroom and the number of persons allowed in the courtroom will be limited
- People who meet the following criteria will not be allowed in the courthouse if within the last 14 days they have:
  - Traveled internationally
  - Been directed to quarantine, self-isolate, or self-monitor
  - Been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19
  - Experienced a fever, cough, or shortness of breath
  - Resided with or been in close contact with any person in the above-mentioned categories
- If you wish to file a civil pleading, contact our Clerk's Office first to obtain a court date and time. All civil court is now being set in increments to help with social distancing in the courtroom.
- If you wish to have your civil case mediated, please contact the Clerk's Office to find out how.
- If you are filing an Unlawful Detainer, please see the attached Notice concerning the "Cares" Act.
- Our court will start accepting Suggestion for Summons in Garnishment on May 18, 2020.

- Our court will start issuing Writs of Possession in Unlawful Detainer cases on May 18, 2020.
- If you have an advisement in a traffic or criminal case set at 1:00 and you wish to avoid a crowded courtroom at a later date, you may come to our office Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3:30 PM and be advised at our cashier windows. Our office is located at 905 Court Street, Lynchburg, VA 24504.

Contact information: Civil: 434-455-2640 Traffic/Criminal: 434-455-2630.