

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19): HAMPTON CIRCUIT COURT, HAMPTON GENERAL DISTRICT COURT, AND HAMPTON JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

AMENDED ORDER OF COURTHOUSE OPERATIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY

Pursuant to the Virginia Supreme Court Declaration of Judicial Emergency dated March 16, 2020 and as extended on March 27, 2020, April 22, 2020 and May 6, 2020, the Court hereby ORDERS AND DIRECTS the Hampton Sheriff to post this Order at all public entrances to all Hampton Courthouses, and to post the same on its website, and to implement the procedures set out herein, to-wit:

Effective May 18, 2020

In an effort to further mitigate the exposure of all Courthouse users to the COVID-19 virus, effective Monday, May 18, 2020, and continuing until further notice, the Hampton Sheriff's Office is authorized to apply hand sanitizer, interview, and take the temperatures of all individuals entering the Courthouses. All individuals entering the Courthouses will be required to submit to interview, temperature check and application of hand sanitizer by the Hampton Sheriff's Office. It is recommended, but not required, that all individuals entering the Courthouses wear a mask or cloth face cover that shields the nose and mouth.

Individuals will be prohibited from entering the Courthouses who have, within the previous 14 days, traveled internationally; been directed to quarantine, 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; or resided with or been in close contact with any person in the aforementioned categories. Individuals included in these categories should contact the Court in advance to request that their case be continued or, if appropriate, heard using telephonic or audio-visual means.

In addition, any individual who appears to be ill, has a fever or declines to be interviewed or have their temperature taken will be denied entry to the Hampton Courthouses. Such individuals who have been denied access must provide their name and will be directed to contact the appropriate Clerk's Office by telephone or other remote means so they may receive further instructions regarding alternate arrangements for court access. The Hampton Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court Clerk's Office telephone number is (757) 727-6147; the Hampton General District Court Clerk's Office telephone number is (757) 727-6260 (criminal matters) or (757) 727-6480 (civil matters); the Hampton Circuit Court Clerk's Office telephone number is (757) 727-6105.

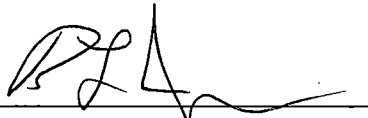
Individuals entering the Courthouses to conduct official business shall maintain and practice social and physical distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at all times.

The Clerk of the Hampton Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, the Hampton General District Court and the Hampton Circuit Court are hereby ORDERED to post this Order on their websites as soon as possible.

Each individual Court in the City of Hampton will issue separate supplemental orders addressing docketing and other court specific issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

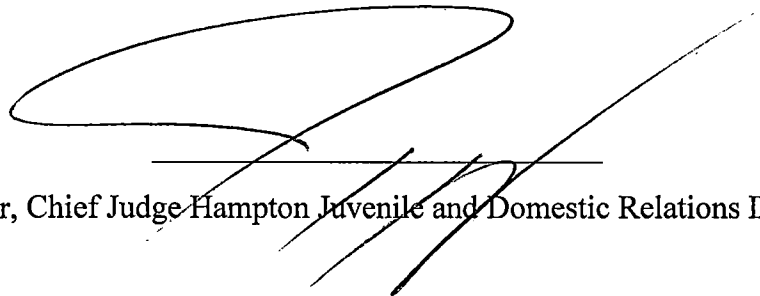
ENTERED: May 15, 2020



Bonnie L. Jones, Chief Judge Hampton Circuit Court



Corry N. Smith, Chief Judge Hampton General District Court



Jay E. Dugger, Chief Judge Hampton Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court