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General Information and Resources:

Resource	Description
Opportunities for Electronic Interface with the Virginia Judicial System	<p>This document is intended as a resource summarizing many of the provisions in the Virginia Code and the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia authorizing or providing guidance on the transaction of court business by electronic means. The contents of the table are presented in a summary manner only, and reference must be made to any identified Code section or Court Rule for a full understanding of its meaning and application. The table and its contents are not intended as legal advice and may not be a comprehensive resource of all authority related to conducting court business by electronic means. Use of remote access by each court remains in the discretion of the Chief or Presiding Judge.</p>

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Appellate Courts:

Court	General Announcement	Orders/Notices
<p>Supreme Court of Virginia</p>	<p>Out of concern for the health and safety of the public and Supreme Court and Court of Appeals employees, the Supreme Court and Rose Lafoon Buildings will be closed to the public beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, until further notice. The buildings will remain open for employees and those needing access to the Clerks’ Offices or others who are here on official business.</p>	<p>March 27, 2020 Order Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency</p> <p>March 16, 2020-Declaration of Judicial Emergency</p> <p>Tolling of appellate deadlines</p> <p>April 2020 Session of Court (April 14-17, 2020)</p> <p>March 31, 2020 Writ Panels</p>

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<p>Court of Appeals of Virginia</p>	<p>In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) developments, the Court has implemented the following changes to its operations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuant to Code § 32.1-48.013:1 the Court will permit and encourage electronic filing of all documents. • The Court will utilize a drop-box for the deposit of paper documents to be filed with the Court. • The Court has instituted a liberal extension of time policy for pleadings due to be filed in instances where parties are impacted by this public health event. • The Court will conduct upcoming dockets via teleconference through at least June 30, 2020. • The Court has instituted a liberal continuance policy of oral arguments in instances where parties are impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. <p>See the attached Court Operations Order and Public Advisory for further details.</p>	<p>Message from the Court</p> <p>Writ/Merit Panels - Audio Stream Available</p> <p>Court Operations Order</p> <p>Public Advisory Operating Procedure</p> <p>Tolling of appellate deadlines</p>

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Local Courts:

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Albemarle General District	In the wake of COVID-19 Albemarle General District Court hearings scheduled through April 26, 2020 will be continued with the exception of bond hearings and protective orders. Notice will be sent by mail.	
Alexandria Circuit		<u>Temporary Procedures</u>
Alexandria General District		<u>Notice</u>
Alexandria Juvenile & Domestic Relations		<u>Notice</u>
Alleghany Circuit		<u>Notice</u>
Alleghany Combined		<u>Public Notice</u> <u>Order</u>
Amelia Combined		<u>Order</u>

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Amherst Circuit		Notice Order
Amherst General District		Notice
Amherst Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Appomattox General District		Notice
Appomattox Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Notice
Arlington and City of Falls Church General District	As a temporary precaution, in light of the spread of the #Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Court asks that unless you are a party to a case, or a necessary witness, please consider staying home. Please contact the Clerk with any questions or concerns. 703-228-7900.	Docket Management and COVID-19 Precautionary Measures

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Arlington Circuit	<p>Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Arlington Circuit Court Clerk’s office is not open for walk-in business. In-person filings will be accepted using receptacles outside each division’s door and will be processed throughout the business day. If requested when dropped off, courtesy copies or copies of receipts will be placed in another box in the hallway for pickup or will be mailed to the filer if a self-addressed envelope is provided with the filing. Upon request, summons can be placed in a box in the hallway for pick up.</p> <p>Services that require in-person interactions with Deputy Clerks, specifically concealed handgun applications and notary oaths, will be available daily from 11 am to 12 pm at the General District Clerk’s office on the 2nd floor.</p>	<p>Orders and Notices</p>
Arlington General District		<p>Orders</p> <p>Hours of Operation</p> <p>Schedule</p>
Arlington Juvenile & Domestic Relations		<p>Docket Management Procedures</p>
Augusta Circuit		<p>Notice</p>

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Augusta General District		Order
Bath Combined		Order
Bedford Circuit		Order
Bedford General District	All proceedings in the Bedford General District Court are suspended until after April 26th. Inmate arraignments and bond hearings will be heard by video and protective orders will remain on the docket as scheduled or accepted at the clerk’s office if filed. All other traffic, criminal, and civil cases will be continued, and notices will be mailed to all parties once new dates have been scheduled.	
Bedford Juvenile & Domestic Relations	All proceedings in the Bedford General District Court are suspended until after April 6 th . Inmate arraignments and bond hearings will be heard by video and protective orders will remain on the docket as scheduled or accepted at the clerk’s office if filed. All other traffic, criminal, and civil cases will be continued, and notices will be mailed to all parties once new dates have been scheduled.	Order Notice of Hearing Addendum Temporary Filing Procedures

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Bland Combined	<p>For the next twenty-one days, until April 26, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, petitions for isolation, inmate arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases, and civil commitment hearings.</p> <p>Please contact the clerk’s office if you need assistance in the determination of an emergency matter.</p>	
Botetourt General District	<p>In response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as a temporary precaution, if you are ill or suspect that you have been exposed to someone who is ill, please contact the Court at (540)928-2270 then press option 5 for guidance BEFORE coming to the courthouse. The Court asks that unless you are a party to a case or a witness to the case, please refrain from coming to the courthouse. Only bond hearings, arraignments, protective orders, and emergency hearings will be held until 4/6/20.</p>	

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<p>Botetourt Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Court will have a very liberal continuance policy. If you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill, please contact the Clerk's Office prior to coming to court. The Court asks that unless you are a party to a case or a necessary witness, please consider staying home. Only bond hearings, arraignments, protective orders, and emergency hearings will be held until 4/6/20.</p>	
<p>Bristol Circuit</p>		<p>Order Notice</p>
<p>Bristol General District</p>	<p>In order to protect the health and safety of the public, all traffic, criminal and civil cases other than emergency matters are continued until further notice of the Court. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, inmate arraignments, bond hearings, and preliminary and full protective order cases. Please see the Court’s order issued March 16, 2020, or call the clerk’s office if you have any questions.</p> <p>If you have a court fine to pay, please see the website on how to pay by credit card, or call the clerk’s office for assistance to make arrangements other than visiting in person.</p>	<p>Order</p>
<p>Bristol Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Order</p>

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<p>Brunswick Combined</p>	<p>Brunswick Combined Court is continuing criminal, traffic, and civil cases until April 27, 2020 with the exception of advisements, attorney status, protective orders, and other emergency proceedings. Operations will resume as usual on April 27, 2020. Notices of Hearing Dates are being mailed. You can also check your case status at www.vacourts.gov or by calling 434-848-8376. All new filings for Unlawful Detainers and Garnishments will not be accepted until April 27, 2020.</p>	
<p>Buchanan Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Buchanan Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Buckingham Circuit</p>		<p>Order and Clerk’s Office Operating Guidelines</p>

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<p>Buena Vista Combined</p>	<p>In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, all General District Court and Juvenile & Domestic Court is cancelled until after April 6, 2020, except video arraignments/bonds and emergency hearings. All parties will receive notices with the new hearing date. If your address has changed please call the court at 540-264-2163.</p> <p>DO NOT APPEAR if you are experiencing any cold/flu like symptoms. Please limit the number of persons attending court with you to only those that are absolutely necessary.</p> <p>The Court will have a liberal continuance policy if you are ill. Call the court for rescheduling at 540-264-2163. If no answer, please leave a message speaking clearly to include your name and phone number.</p>	
<p>Campbell General District</p>	<p>As a temporary precaution, if you are ill or suspect that you have been exposed to someone who is ill, please contact the Court at (434) 332-9546 for guidance BEFORE coming to the courthouse.</p> <p>If you are not a party or a witness to a case, please do not enter the courthouse.</p>	
<p>Caroline Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p> <p>Order – Hours of Operation</p>

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Caroline General District	Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Court will have a very liberal continuance policy. All cases prior to May 15, 2020 will be continued until June and July 2020. All matters concerning incarcerated individuals will remain on the docket for the date set. All civil cases will be continued by Order of the Supreme Court. No new civil filings will be taken during this time. Only emergency matters will be heard including but not limited to, petitions for isolation, video arraignments, bail reviews and protective orders.	
Caroline Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Notice
Carroll Circuit		Notice – Clerk’s Office
Charles City Circuit	Charles City Circuit Court will be closed temporarily on March 26 th and 27 th , 2020 for a deep cleaning of the building due to someone who had been in contact with a person whose been confirmed of having covid-19. The court will reopen on March 30, 2020 at regular time.	Order

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<p>Charles City Combined</p>	<p>By order of Circuit Court Judge, B. Elliott Bondurant, the Charles City County Courthouse will be closed for extensive cleaning on Thursday and Friday, 03/26/2020 - 03/27/2020. No one (court personnel included) will be allowed in the court building on those two dates.</p> <p>This is a temporary closure while the building is being cleaned. The combined district court clerk's office will reopen on Monday, 03/30/2020 at 8:00 AM. If you are ill or suspect that you have been exposed to someone who is ill, please contact our office at (804) 652-2188 BEFORE coming to the courthouse.</p>	<p>General District Notice</p> <p>Juvenile & Domestic Relations Notice</p>
<p>Charlotte Circuit</p>		<p>Order – Grand Jury</p>
<p>Charlottesville Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p> <p>Clerk’s Office Notice</p> <p>Same Day Recording Procedure</p>

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<p>Charlottesville General District</p>	<p>All cases between March 16, 2020 & April 6, 2020 will be continued, except Video Bond Hearings and Preliminary/Protective Order Hearings which will take place each weekday at 10am and Wednesday at 9am.</p> <p>In response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as a temporary precaution, if you are ill or suspect that you have been exposed to someone who is ill, DO NOT APPEAR. Please contact the clerk’s office before appearing.</p> <p>The clerk’s office is open and will provide notice to impacted individuals of the new court date and time. You may also check the state court website for this data vacourts.gov. If your address has changed please call the clerk's office at 434.970.3388 or 434.970.3392.</p>	<p>Order</p>
<p>Chesapeake Circuit</p>		<p>Operating Schedule</p>
<p>Chesapeake General District</p>		<p>Operating Schedule</p>
<p>Chesapeake Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Court Operations</p>

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Chesterfield Circuit		Order Circuit Court Clerk Press Release - Service Delivery Plan Court and Clerk’s Office Operations Order
Chesterfield Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Joint Press Release 3-16-20 515 PM-12th Judicial Circuit District
Chesterfield General District		Order
Chesterfield Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Public Notice Order
Clarke Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Colonial Heights Circuit		Order Court and Clerk’s Office Operations Order

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Colonial Heights Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Joint Press Release 3-16-20 515 PM-12th Judicial Circuit District
Colonial Heights General District		Order
Colonial Heights Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Public Notice
Craig Combined		Notice
Culpeper Circuit		Order
Culpeper General District	Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Court will have a very liberal continuance policy. If you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill, please contact the Clerk's Office prior to coming to court. The Court asks that unless you are a party to a case or a necessary witness, please consider staying home.	

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<p>Culpeper Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>The Court is utilizing a liberal continuance policy. Please contact the clerk’s office if you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms prior to your Court appearance. The Court will only allow people in our courtrooms on a case-by-case basis. Therefore, fewer people in close proximity. Please feel free to contact the clerk’s office with any questions/concerns.</p>	
<p>Danville Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Danville General District</p>	<p>In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Court will have a very liberal continuance policy if you are ill. The Court asks that unless you are a party or a witness, please consider staying home. If you have traveled outside of the U.S. this year, please call and request a continuance.</p>	

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<p>Danville Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>The following are some precautions being made for Danville City J&DR Court:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No electronics devices will be allowed near the bench. If video must be played in court, parties will hook equipment to court's unit. • If parties or necessary witnesses are ill or not feeling well, please seek a continuance of your case BEFORE the individual comes to court. • Attorneys to discourage individuals (family members) who are not necessary to cases, from attending court. • If a client or a witness has traveled internationally since January 2020 please request a continuance. • Incarcerated individuals will not be transported video conference hearings if possible otherwise matter will be continued. 	

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Dickenson Combined	Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Court will have a very liberal continuance policy. If you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill, please contact the Clerk's Office prior to coming to court. The Court asks that unless you are a party to a case or a necessary witness, please consider staying home.	
Dinwiddie Circuit	We will be open to the public from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm but with limited staff each day. We encourage everyone to transact any business with our office by mail/phone/email/electronic means and avoid coming into the office if at all possible	
Dinwiddie General District		Civil, Criminal and Traffic Order
Essex Combined	Due to the emergency order issued by the Supreme Court only arraignments, bond hearings, protective orders, and emergency orders will be going forward. Please call office for any questions: 804-443-3744.	

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<p>Fairfax Circuit</p>	<p>IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BAR AND THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE CIRCUIT COURT CONTINUANCE POLICY</p> <p>Effective immediately, the Circuit Court continuance policy, through calendar control, is temporarily amended in the following manner:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A liberal continuance policy is in effect for civil cases in which both sides agree to the continuance of the case. 2. Special consideration will be given to continuance requests in cases involving ill or elderly parties, witnesses, or counsel and those who may be susceptible to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). 3. Phone-in requests for continuances are encouraged but not required. <p>This policy change will be in effect until further notice from the court</p>	<p>Civil Jury Trials</p> <p>COVID-19 Update</p>
<p>Fairfax City General District</p>		<p>Notice</p>
<p>Fairfax County General District Court</p>		<p>Notice</p>
<p>Fairfax Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>The Court is open and operating on a limited docket. Please refer to the Court’s COVID policy.</p>	<p>COVID Policy</p>

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Falls Church Combined	The courts are following the guidelines as set forth by General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Courts of Arlington County. Call the Clerk's Office for additional information at (703) 248-5096.	Order – Community Service
Fauquier Circuit		Order
Fauquier Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations		General Administrative Order
Fauquier General District	Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Court will have a very liberal continuance policy. If you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill, please contact the Clerk's Office prior to coming to court. The Court asks that unless you are a party to a case or a necessary witness, please consider staying home.	General Administrative Order
Fauquier JDR		Order
Floyd Circuit		Notice

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Floyd Combined	<p>For the next twenty-one days, until April 6, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, petitions for isolation, inmate arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases, and civil commitment hearings. Please contact the clerk’s office at 540-745-9327 if you need assistance in the determination of an emergency matter.</p>	
Fluvanna Circuit	<p>Effective immediately, please do not appear in the Courthouse unless you have essential or emergency business. Please contact the clerk's office at 434-591-1970 BEFORE coming to the Courthouse to determine if we are providing those services of if we may assist you by telephone.</p> <p>Please see Notice for full information.</p>	<p>Notice Notice to Bar</p>
Fluvanna Combined		<p>GD Order JDR Order</p>
Franklin General District	<p>All cases for these will be continued except for protective orders, arraignments, and bond hearings.</p>	

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Frederick Circuit	Winchester City and Frederick County Circuit are only allowing 2 to 3 customers at a time in the offices. No access to the records rooms are available at this time. Marriage licenses and passports will only be issued to Virginia residents (<i>see order</i>).	Order
Fredericksburg Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Frederick-Winchester General District		Order
Frederick-Winchester Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Giles Combined	<p>For the next twenty-one days, until April 6, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, petitions for isolation, inmate arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases.</p> <p>Please contact the clerk’s office if you need assistance in the determination of an emergency matter.</p>	

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Gloucester General District	Due to the current Judicial Emergency Order entered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, until April 26, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Gloucester General District Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, petitions for isolation, inmate arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases, and civil commitment hearings.	
Gloucester, Mathews and Middlesex Juvenile & Domestic Relations	The Chief Judge Order will extend to April 6, 2020.	Order
Goochland Circuit		Order
Grayson Circuit		Notice
Greene Circuit		Order Notice

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Halifax General District	Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Court will have a very liberal continuance policy. For the next twenty-one days, until April 6, 2020, all civil traffic, and criminal matters in the Court with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued and all parties notified. Emergency matters include but are not limited to., petitions for isolation, arraignments, bail reviews, protective orders and civil commitment hearings.	
Hampton Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Hanover Circuit		Order Notice
Hanover General District		Notice
Hanover Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Notice
Harrisonburg - Rockingham General District		Order

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Harrisonburg - Rockingham Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Henrico Circuit		Notice
Henrico General District		Notice Policy
Henrico Juvenile & Domestic Relations	In light of the Coronavirus outbreak, the Court will have a very liberal continuance policy if you are ill. Please also consider limiting the number of persons attending Court with you to only those who are absolutely necessary.	
Henry Circuit		Notice
Henry General District		Announcement

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<p>Highland Combined</p>	<p>In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, General District court scheduled for March 18, 2020 and April 1,2020 has been cancelled. All parties will receive notices with the new hearing date.</p> <p>The court will have a liberal continuance policy if you are ill. Please limit the number of persons attending court with you to only those that are absolutely necessary. DO NOT APPEAR if you are experiencing any cold/flu like symptoms. Call the court for rescheduling at 540-468-2445. If no answer, please leave a message including name and phone number.</p>	<p>Order</p>
<p>Hopewell Combined</p>	<p>Please be advised that the Hopewell General District Court traffic docket for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 has been cancelled. The Court will only be doing video arraignments and video bond hearings on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 @9:00 AM. The General District Civil docket for Wednesday, March 18, 2020 has been cancelled. Both dockets will be continued and the clerk's office will mail out notices with a new court date to all parties. If the address on your warrant/summons is incorrect you need to notify the clerk's office, in writing, so that your notice will go to your correct address.</p>	
<p>Isle of Wight Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p>

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<p>Isle of Wight General District</p>	<p>Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, all Isle of Wight General District Court's traffic and civil cases from 3/16/2020 to 04/06/2020 will be continued to a later date. You may contact the clerk's office by telephone for further instructions. If you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill, please contact the Clerk's Office prior to coming to court. The Court will have a very liberal continuance policy. The Court asks that unless you are a party to a case or a necessary witness, please consider staying home. Protective Orders will continue to be heard as usual.</p>	
<p>King William / King and Queen Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Lee General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Procedures and precautions</p> <p>Order</p>
<p>Lexington Rockbridge General District Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Notice</p>
<p>Loudoun Circuit</p>		<p>COVID-19 Action Plan Court-ordered Procedures</p>

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Court	General Announcement	Orders/Notices
Loudoun Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations		General Administrative Order
Loudoun General District		Order
Loudoun Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Case Scheduling
Louisa Circuit		Order
Louisa General District		Notice
Lynchburg Circuit		Order Circuit Court and Clerk’s Office operations

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<p>Lynchburg General District</p>	<p>All proceedings in the general district court are suspended until April 27 except for: arraignments, bond hearings and protective orders. Inmate arraignments and bond hearings will be heard by video. All other traffic, criminal, and civil cases will be continued, and notices will be mailed to all parties.</p> <p>If you are ill or suspect that you have been exposed to someone who is ill, please contact the Court for guidance BEFORE coming to the courthouse.</p> <p>Traffic/Criminal phone number: 434-455-2630. Civil phone number: 434-455-2640.</p>	<p>Notice</p>
<p>Madison Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Madison Combined</p>		<p>Announcement</p>
<p>Martinsville Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Martinsville General District</p>		<p>Announcement</p>

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<p>Mathews General District</p>	<p>Effective immediately, through April 26, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Mathews General District Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Proceedings considered emergency matters are listed on the Court's website.</p>	
<p>Mecklenburg Circuit</p>		<p>Order Notice</p>
<p>Middlesex General District</p>	<p>Effective immediately, through April 26, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Middlesex General District Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Proceedings considered emergency matters are listed on the Court's website.</p>	
<p>Montgomery Circuit</p>		<p>Order Clerk’s Office Operation Notice</p>

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<p>Montgomery General District</p>	<p>For the next twenty-one days, until April 6, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, petitions for isolation, inmate arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases.</p> <p>Please contact the clerk’s office if you need assistance in the determination of an emergency matter.</p>	
<p>Nelson Circuit</p>	<p>As a temporary precaution, if you are ill or suspect that you have been exposed to someone who is ill, please contact the Court at (434)263-7020 for guidance BEFORE coming to the Courthouse.</p>	
<p>Nelson General District</p>	<p>All proceedings in the general district court are suspended until April 7 except for: arraignments, bond hearings and protective orders. Inmate arraignments and bond hearings will be heard by video. All other traffic, criminal, and civil cases will be continued, and notices will be mailed to all parties.</p>	

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<p>Nelson Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>In response to the COVID-19 outbreak and as a temporary precaution, if you are ill or suspect that you have been exposed to someone who is ill, please contact the Court at (434) 263-7030 for guidance BEFORE coming to the courthouse. The Court asks that unless you are a party to a case or a witness to the case, please consider staying home.</p>	<p>Order</p>
<p>New Kent General District</p>	<p>In light of the current Judicial Emergency Order entered by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, until April 26, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the New Kent General District Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, petitions for isolation, inmate arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases, and civil commitment hearings.</p>	
<p>Newport News Circuit</p>		<p>Notice</p>
<p>Newport News General District</p>		<p>Court Policy Court Docketing</p>
<p>Newport News Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Notice</p>

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Norfolk Circuit		Order Supplemental Order Third Order
Norfolk Circuit, General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Norfolk Courthouse General Order
Norfolk General District		Order
Norfolk Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Notice
Northampton Circuit		Notice
Northampton General District		Notice
Northumberland Circuit		Order
Nottoway Combined		Notice Traffic/Criminal Order Civil Order

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Court	General Announcement	Orders/Notices
Orange Circuit		Order
Orange Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Page Circuit	<p>As a temporary precaution, taking effect March 17, 2020, the Page County Circuit Court will be adopting a very liberal continuance policy. Counsel of record and the Commonwealth’s attorney are strongly encouraged to remain in contact and utilize pre-filed Continuance Orders. If you are experiencing any symptoms you are encouraged to stay home and contact the Clerk’s Office. If you are attending court, please consider limiting the number of persons attending Court with you to only those who are necessary as seating will be adjusted to comply with recommended best practices and thus may be limited by necessity.</p>	

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<p>Page Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>Until April 6, 2020, the court will hear only emergency matters, these include, but are not limited to bail reviews, protective order cases, any case where the defendant is held in custody on the pending charge, and social services cases. This policy is subject to change with further orders from the Chief Justice.</p> <p>If you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill, please contact the Clerk's Office by phone. The Court asks that unless you have pressing business to please conduct your business with us by phone. 540-743-4152</p>	
<p>Page Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Patrick General District</p>		<p>Announcement</p>
<p>Petersburg Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Petersburg General District</p>		<p>Emergency Civil Order</p> <p>Emergency Criminal and Traffic Order</p>
<p>Petersburg Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Order</p>

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<p>Pittsylvania Circuit</p>	<p>The Pittsylvania Clerks office front counter is open 8:30-4:30. Half staff working 8:30-12:30 and other half 1230-4:30. Public access by way of security/ temperature check is restricted to map/deed search 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.</p>	
<p>Pittsylvania General District</p>	<p>All cases for these will be continued except for protective orders, arraignments, and bond hearings.</p>	
<p>Pittsylvania Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all civil matters excluding protective orders and cases that involve DSS (foster care), misdemeanors not connected to a felony and traffic infractions that are currently set for March 16, 2020 through April 17, 2020 will be continued to a later date. The Court will have a liberal continuance policy to reduce the possible risk of exposure. Counsel are directed to notify the parties and witnesses that the case has been continued. Please contact the court if you need further information or have questions at 434-432-7861.</p>	

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<p>Portsmouth Circuit</p>	<p>The Portsmouth Judicial Center, which houses Circuit, General District and JDR Courts, will now be closed through Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Courts will re-open on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Our new hours of operation will be 9:00 am - 2:00 pm for the next two weeks.</p>	<p>Notice Order</p>
<p>Portsmouth Circuit, General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>The Portsmouth Judicial Center, which houses Circuit, General District and JDR Courts, will now be closed through Tuesday, April 7, 2020. Courts will re-open on Wednesday, April 8, 2020. Our new hours of operation will be 9:00 am - 2:00 pm for the next two weeks.</p>	<p>Notice</p>
<p>Powhatan Circuit</p>	<p>Powhatan County Circuit Court Clerk's office is open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Please call before arriving to schedule your appointment or to have staff assist you remotely.</p>	
<p>Powhatan Combined</p>		<p>Notice Order</p>

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<p>Prince Edward General District</p>	<p>Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and by order of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Prince Edward General District Court will suspend all non-emergency matters beginning Mon. March 16 until Mon. April 6, 2020. These matters will be continued to a later date. This court will continue to hear matters such as advisements, bond hearings and protective orders. Individuals are encouraged to utilize the courts website, www.vacourts.gov and search by their name to find their next court date, while we send out notices of hearings to all parties. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact this office at 434-392-4024.</p>	
<p>Prince George General District</p>	<p>Civil court for Tuesday, 3/17/20 is cancelled Court has been cancelled for Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Cases will be rescheduled.</p>	
<p>Prince William Circuit</p>		<p>Special Continuing Order</p>
<p>Prince William Circuit, General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>		<p>Special Continuing Order Press Release</p>

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<p>Prince William General District</p>	<p>Due to the declaration of judicial emergency; the general district court has suspended all traffic, criminal, and civil court dockets for the period March 16, 2020 through April 26, 2020. The clerks’ offices are open with limited staff to address essential case processing only which includes arraignments, bond motions, and protective orders. All cases that were scheduled for the time period noted will be continued. Please check our website for updates and case status information at www.vacourts.gov.</p>	
<p>Prince William Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to avoid non-essential gatherings in a very closed space the court is suspending operator license ceremonies for the next three weeks until we have better information on safety precautions.</p> <p>Effective March 18, 2020 we will reduce operations to those that have been determined essential for the continued orderly administration of justice. Non-essential matters will be set beyond April 30, 2020.</p>	<p>Special Continuing Order for Reduced Operations</p>
<p>Pulaski General District</p>		<p>Notice</p>
<p>Radford Combined</p>		<p>Notice</p>

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<p>Rappahannock Circuit</p>	<p>Until April 10, 2020, the court will hear only emergency matters.</p> <p>This policy is subject to change with further orders from the Chief Justice.</p> <p>All cases set for 03/18/20 thru 03/27/20 are continued to 04/16/20 at 9:00am for status.</p> <p>All cases set for 03/30/20 thru 04/03/20 are continued to 04/28/20 at 9:00am for status.</p> <p>Emergency motions properly filed will be reviewed by the Court to determine whether to docket the matter.</p>	<p>Order</p> <p>Notice</p>
<p>Rappahannock Combined</p>	<p>All General District civil, traffic & criminal matters, except those matters deemed to be emergencies or essential, for the month of April will be continued. Notices will be mailed with the new hearing date.</p> <p>Please refer to the Court Scheduling Order for information regarding Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court.</p> <p>Case information may be found at www.vacourts.gov or by calling the clerk's office at 540-675-5356.</p>	<p>General Administrative Order</p> <p>Case Scheduling Order</p>

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<p>Richmond Circuit</p>	<p>The Clerk’s Office continues to operate normal business hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, M-F. We are closing each day at noon for one hour. All our regular services, including deed recording, marriage licenses and probate, continue. We encourage use of couriers and mail rather than in-person visits. Please call before making a trip to the courthouse. Attorneys are encouraged to use electronic filing options and remote access systems. Please see our page on the city website for more information. Many court cases have been continued. Please contact the clerk’s office for more information. 804-646-6505. Web addresses are on the “Notice to Public and Bar.”</p>	<p>Notice to Public and Bar</p> <p>Memorandum</p> <p>Service Delivery Plan</p> <p>Order – Grand Jury</p>

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<p>Richmond General District</p>	<p>Please see the attached Orders for continuance dates, and or motions, for cases scheduled in the Richmond General District Court.</p> <p>For confirmation of the new court dates in any case consult:</p> <p>Supreme Court of Virginia website: www.vacourts.gov under Case Status and Information for General District Courts by selecting City of Richmond General District Court.</p> <p>You may also contact the Clerk’s Office:</p> <p><u>Criminal and Traffic Divisions:</u></p> <p>804-646-6431 (John Marshall Courts Bldg.)</p> <p>804-646-6677 (Marsh Courthouse)</p> <p><u>Civil Division:</u></p> <p>804-646-6461 (John Marshall Courts Bldg.)</p>	<p>Civil Order</p> <p>Criminal Traffic Order</p>

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<p>Richmond Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>Important Coronavirus Court Guidance: Individuals/Family not necessary to cases should consider not attending court. If parties or necessary witnesses are ill, please seek continuances BEFORE the court date.</p> <p>Due to public safety and health concerns related to the coronavirus (COVID-19), there will be limited access to the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court until April 1, 2020.</p> <p>All cases of the following type have been continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child support • Civil custody & visitation • Adult criminal cases where the defendant is <u>not</u> incarcerated • Juvenile delinquency (criminal) cases where the child is <u>not</u> held in detention <p>If your case has been continued, please contact one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s office: 804-646-2942 • Commonwealth’s Attorney: 804-646-2942 • Public Defender’s office: 804-225-4330 <p>For all other case types, please report to court as scheduled.</p> <p>Only emergency motions will be received at the courthouse during this period.</p> <p>For court services unit information please call 804-646-2900.</p> <p>This policy is subject to change. Please check back for future updates.</p> <p>@OliverHillCtsBl</p>	<p>Richmond JDR Pandemic Order</p>

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<p>Roanoke City JDR</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Roanoke County and City</p>		<p>Press Release</p>
<p>Roanoke County Circuit</p>		<p>Notice – Clerk’s Office Operations</p>
<p>Rockingham Circuit</p>	<p>With concern and caution the Rockingham Circuit Court is making all efforts to protect those doing business with and working in our court from COVID-19 or other current contaminants.</p> <p>1) If you are ill or suspect you have been exposed, please contact the clerk’s office at 540-564-3111 for guidance BEFORE coming to the Courthouse.</p> <p>2) A liberal continuance policy is in effect for civil cases in which both sides agree to the continuance of the case.</p> <p>3) Please consider limiting the number of persons attending Court with you to only those who are absolutely necessary. As a temporary precaution, in light of the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Court asks that unless you are a party to a case, or a necessary witness, please consider staying home.</p>	<p>Clerk of Court page</p>
<p>Salem Circuit and Combined</p>		<p>Press Release</p>

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Court	General Announcement	Orders/Notices
Scott Combined		Order Notice
Shenandoah Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Smyth Circuit		Press Release Order
Smyth Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Smyth General District	<p>In order to protect the health and safety of the public, all traffic, criminal and civil cases other than emergency matters are continued until further notice of the Court. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, inmate arraignments, bond hearings, and preliminary and full protective order cases. Please see the Court’s order issued March 16, 2020, or call the clerk’s office if you have any questions.</p> <p>If you have a court fine to pay, please see the website on how to pay by credit card, or call the clerk’s office for assistance to make arrangements other than visiting in person.</p>	Order

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Court	General Announcement	Orders/Notices
Southampton Circuit		Order
Spotsylvania Circuit		Emergency Pandemic Response plan Order
Spotsylvania Juvenile & Domestic Relations	<p>As a precaution due to the outbreak of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), this court encourages you to limit the number of persons attending court with your subpoenaed witnesses. Please contact the Clerk with any questions or concerns. 540.507.7676</p> <p>For all juvenile driver's license ceremonies, this court will only allow the juvenile and the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) in the courtroom. It is this court's policy that individuals diagnosed with the FLU and/or COVID-19 should not appear in court. You must provide a doctor's note in advance of the court date for your appearance to be excused.</p>	Order
Stafford Circuit General District Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order

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<p>Stafford General District</p>	<p>Effective immediately, due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Stafford County General District Court is closed to the public in response to this pandemic, the order of the Supreme Court of Virginia declaring a judicial emergency pursuant to Virginia Code 17.1-330.</p> <p>All cases between March 17th, 2020 & April 6th, 2020 will be continued, with the exceptions of Arraignments, Video Bond Hearings, and Protective Orders.</p> <p>The Court asks that unless you are a party or a witness, please consider staying home.</p> <p>All questions relating to cases and continuances should be directed to the Clerk’s Office 540-658-8935.</p>	
<p>Staunton /Augusta Waynesboro Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>In light of the Coronavirus outbreak, the Court will have a liberal continuance policy if you are ill. Please consider limiting the number of persons attending Court with you to only those who are absolutely necessary. Non-necessary persons will not be permitted in the courtroom. All Preliminary Protective Order requests will be considered by affidavit only.</p>	

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<p>Staunton Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p> <p>Notice</p> <p>Court Procedures</p>
<p>Staunton General District</p>	<p>For the next twenty-one days, until April 6, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Court, with the exception of emergency matters, will be continued. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, petitions for isolation, inmate arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases, and civil commitment hearings.</p> <p>Please contact the clerk’s office if you need assistance in the determination of an emergency matter.</p>	<p>Order</p>
<p>Suffolk Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Suffolk General District</p>	<p>The Court and clerk’s office shall remain open and provide essential services while balancing the health and safety needs of litigants and personnel. In the event a party, witness, attorney or other member of the public having business with the Court requires assistance, the clerk’s office may be reached at 757-514-4822 during normal office hours.</p>	<p>Temporary Policies and Procedures</p>

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Court	General Announcement	Orders/Notices
Sussex Combined	Considering the COVID-19 outbreak, for the next twenty-one days, until April 26, 2020, all civil, traffic and criminal matters in the Court, with the exception of emergency matters, are cancelled. Emergency matters include but are not limited to, petitions for isolation, inmate arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases and civil commitment hearings. Advisements and bond hearings will be held by video when possible. All cases will be rescheduled and notices will be mailed.	
Tazewell Circuit		Notice
Virginia Beach Circuit		Notice
Virginia Beach General District		Order
Virginia Beach Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Warren Circuit		Notice Order
Warren General District		Notice

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Warren Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Washington Circuit		Notice Order
Washington Circuit, General District, Juvenile & Domestic Relations		Order
Washington General District	<p>In order to protect the health and safety of the public, all traffic, criminal and civil cases other than emergency matters are continued until further notice of the Court. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, inmate arraignments, bond hearings, and preliminary and full protective order cases. Please see the Court’s order issued March 16, 2020, or call the clerk’s office if you have any questions.</p> <p>If you have a court fine to pay, please see the website on how to pay by credit card, or call the clerk’s office for assistance to make arrangements other than visiting in person.</p>	Order

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<p>Waynesboro Circuit</p>		<p>Judicial Emergency Scheduling Procedures</p> <p>Order</p> <p>Notice</p>
<p>Waynesboro General District</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Westmoreland Circuit</p>		<p>Order</p>
<p>Westmoreland General District</p>	<p>The Westmoreland General District Court will be open. Please call the court if you have any questions about a case. Our phone number is 804-493-0105. You can prepay tickets or pay past tickets at www.vacourts.gov. We are continuing cases (traffic, civil and criminal) that are not considered emergency hearings such as arraignments, bond hearings or protective orders. We are still having trials that involve incarcerated defendants. If you are not sure about the status of your case, please call us. We are happy to help.</p>	

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<p>Williamsburg /James City Circuit</p>	<p>Williamsburg/James City County Circuit Court is limiting access to essential services only. The hours are from 8:30 to 4:00. We are requiring that you use e-file and e-recording. For questions please call 757-564-2242.</p> <p>https://jamescitycountyva.gov/150/Clerk-of-the-Circuit-Court</p>	
<p>Williamsburg /James City County General District</p>	<p>In order to protect the health and safety of both the public and staff, the Williamsburg/James City County General District Court (but not the clerk's office) will be closed until April 6th, except for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) video arraignments, 2) bond hearings, 3) FULL protective order hearings (preliminary protective orders will be done by affidavit), 4) hearings for those who are in custody. <p>This does not impact Circuit Court or Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, or Courts in any other jurisdictions. If there are questions pertaining to any other courts, please contact their clerks' offices.</p> <p><u>OUR CLERK'S OFFICE WILL STILL BE OPEN. The phone number is 757-564-2400.</u></p>	

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<p>Winchester Circuit</p>	<p>Winchester City and Frederick County Circuit are only allowing 2 to 3 customers at a time in the offices. No access to the records rooms are available at this time. Marriage licenses and passports will only be issued to Virginia residents (<i>see order</i>).</p>	<p>Order</p>
<p>Wise General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relations</p>	<p>Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Clerk’s Office is closed to the public until 4/6/2020. Petitioners with emergency filings will be permitted to enter the Clerk’s Office. All non-essential, non-emergency cases will be continued to a later date. Emergency matters include, but are not limited to, inmate arraignments, detention hearings, bail reviews and protective order cases. You may contact the Clerk’s Office by telephone for further instructions. The Court will have a very liberal continuance policy. If you are ill or you may have been exposed to someone who is ill, please contact the Court BEFORE coming to the Courthouse. The Court asks that unless you are a party to a case, or a necessary witness, please consider staying home. Please contact the Clerk's Office with any questions or concerns at (757) 564-2200 (option #7).</p>	<p>Order</p>
<p>York County-Poquoson Circuit</p>		<p>Notice – Clerk’s Office</p>

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York General District	As a result of the Coronavirus, the Chief Justice of the Supreme of Virginia has ordered that matters scheduled from March 16, 2020 to April 6, 2020 in the General District Court be SUSPENDED and therefore all matters before the York County General District are CONTINUED with the exceptions of arraignments, bails/bond matters and protective order cases. The new dates have not been determined, please stay in touch with your attorney. If you don't have an attorney use the courts website at vacourts.gov . If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the clerk's office at 757-890-3450 press option #8.	