

# VIRGINIA: IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

## ORDER

Upon a State of Emergency declared by both the President of the United States and the Governor of Virginia, a Supreme Court of Virginia Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency, and upon consideration of guidelines issued relative to public safety by Federal, State and Local agencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is

ORDERED pursuant to the Supreme Court of Virginia's Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency and §16.1-69.35(5), limited access to the court will continue through May 17, 2020. All cases are hereby continued with the exception of the following cases:


- a. Arraignments and bond motions for incarcerated adults on criminal cases and contempt proceedings;
- b. Detention hearings for juveniles securely detained and in less secure facilities;
- c. Abuse & Neglect hearings requesting Emergency Removal Orders and Preliminary Child Protective Orders and 5-day hearings for these cases;
- d. Preliminary Protective Order requests and two-year Protective Order hearings;
- e. Emergency Custody motions;
- f. Guilty pleas, no contest pleas or motions to nolle prose where the defendant is in custody and the disposition or sentencing is agreed to by all parties. The parties shall submit a written plea agreement signed by the Commonwealth Attorney, defense counsel and defendant along with a Notice of Hearing. The plea agreement shall include language that the defendant consents to entering a plea via video. The Notice shall include an agreed upon date for the hearing. All hearings will take place by video and will be docketed for Tuesdays or Thursdays 10:00 a.m.; and
- g. Any agreements or consent orders for civil cases may be mailed to the Court for entry.

All currently scheduled adjudicatory or preliminary hearings for any incarcerated defendant or juvenile in detention or less secure will be held as a review of bond or detention status hearing.

Whenever possible these hearings will be conducted by video or telephonically or based on the pleadings alone.

The Clerk's Office will be accessible by telephone (757-385-4391) and email ([vabjdr@vacourts.gov](mailto:vabjdr@vacourts.gov)) Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Emails will be replied to within one (1) business day.

ENTER: April 24, 2020

  
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CHIEF JUDGE