

VIRGINIA

**JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE 31ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

SECOND SPECIAL CONTINUING ORDER FOR REDUCED OPERATIONS

ON March 16, 2020 the Virginia Supreme Court entered an Order Declaring a judicial emergency, recognizing the need to protect the health and safety of court employees, litigants, attorneys, judges and the general public; On March 13, 2020 this Court entered a Special Continuing Order for Reduced Operations which went into effect on March 18, 2020; the Virginia Supreme Court has since entered a second Order extending the declaration of judicial emergency, effective April 6, 2020 which continues through April 26, 2020 unless further extended; accordingly

EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2020, THE JUDGES OF THIS COURT do hereby extend and modify the March 13, 2020 temporary reduction to the operating schedule for the Court and will continue to only hear those matters which have been determined to be essential for the protection of individual liberties, public and individual safety, and orderly administration of justice; all non-essential matters will be continued beyond April 30, 2020; it is

ORDERED THAT ONLY THE FOLLOWING ESSENTIAL MATTERS will be heard daily from April 6, 2020 through April 26, 2020, unless this order is extended:

Courtroom 1 9:00 Adult Walk-in Arraignments (now heard in Courtroom 6)

1:30 Family Abuse Protective Order Hearings

Courtroom 2 11:00 Exparte Motions for Preliminary Protective Orders (heard in Courtroom 4)

Courtroom 3 9:00 Juvenile Detention Hearings, Bond Motions, Shelter Care Hearings

10:00 Essential Juvenile Trials-include all cases in which the juvenile is detained or Commonwealth notices parties and the Court to hear a non-detention matter

1:30 Family Abuse Protective Order Hearings

Courtroom 4 11:00 Child Abuse & Neglect removal or CPO hearings, including Motions to extend or dismiss child protective orders

1:30 Child Abuse & Neglect adjudicatory, dispositional, TPR hearings

Courtroom 6 8:30 Adult Criminal Arraignments and Bond Motions

9:00 Essential Adult Criminal Motions and Essential Adult Criminal Trials/Preliminary Hearings -includes all matters in which the accused is incarcerated, unless parties and counsel agree otherwise, and any matters for which the Commonwealth notices parties and the Court of the need to hear a case wherein the accused is not being held.

1:30 Family Abuse Protective Order Hearings

ELECTRONIC FILING BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION to Fax # (703) 792-7863 is available for the following pleadings:

1. Bond Motions-provided the motion is received by 2pm it will be set for the following court date;
2. Discovery motions in criminal cases, a proposed order should be included;
3. Notices of appeal to Circuit Court;
4. Agreed, fully endorsed, Orders;
5. Motions to request electronic or telephonic appearances on essential matters.


ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENTS attorneys being appointed for incarcerated adults and/or detained juveniles will receive pleadings and appointment notices via Facsimile Transmission to their Fax numbers of record during the pendency of this Order;

CLERKS OFFICE HOURS the Clerks Office will be physically open to the public each business day from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The Court's prior Special Continuing Order granting liberal continuances remains in effect. Emergency docketing requests will still be received and reviewed on a case by case basis.

THIS ORDER remains in effect through April 26, 2020 unless further extended.

Entered this 2nd day of April, 2020.


H. Jan Roltsch-Anoll
Chief Judge PWC J&DR District Court