

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

IN RE: TEMPORARY LIMITATION ON )  
THE TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES )  
FROM THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY )  
ADULT DETENTION CENTER TO THE )  
PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE )

ORDER

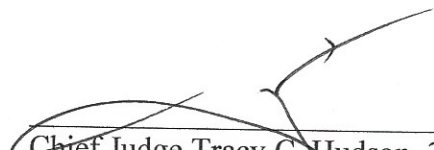
It appearing that a significant number of inmates and staff at the Prince William County Adult Detention Center (ADC) have recently tested positive for COVID-19 and that testing of the inmates and staff is being arranged by public health officials to be followed by ADC protocols to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the facility, and

It further appearing that until testing can be conducted and safety protocols implemented by the ADC it is necessary to limit in-person hearings for defendants incarcerated at the Prince William County ADC in order to protect the health of persons present in the Judicial Center including witnesses, deputy sheriffs, attorneys, courthouse staff and inmates from other jurisdictions. Therefore, in accordance with the direction of the Supreme Court of Virginia that the courts of the Commonwealth take "reasonable steps to minimize the risk of the spread of COVID-19," the Court issues the following order with the concurrence of the Chief Judges of the District Courts:

**Effective May 26, 2020, no inmates shall be transported from the Prince William County ADC to the Prince William County Judicial Center for in-person proceedings. All hearings and trials involving defendants incarcerated at the Prince William County ADC and required to be conducted during the effective period of this Order shall be held by audiovisual means, provided the parties agree to proceed in that format. Alternatively, such matters may be continued for a reasonable period of time to permit the aforementioned measures to be completed.**

This order shall be in effect from May 26, 2020 until June 8, 2020 unless sooner dissolved or extended by further order of the Court.

So ordered, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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Chief Judge Tracy C. Hudson, 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit