

**GENERAL ORDER REGARDING CORONAVIRUS DISEASE: NORFOLK CIRCUIT COURT,
NORFOLK GENERAL DISTRICT COURT, AND NORFOLK JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT**

This Order is being issued in response to the recent Declaration of a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID 19.

NORFOLK GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

The following applies to Norfolk General District Court:

All traffic and civil cases scheduled between March 16 through March 27 are CONTINUED. Affected parties will be notified of new dates by mail and are also encouraged to contact the Clerk's Office for information about their new court date.

Criminal matters in Courtrooms 2B and 2C will proceed as scheduled.

NORFOLK JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

The following applies to Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court:

All custody, visitation, and support cases in all courtrooms scheduled between March 16 and March 27 will be continued. The Clerk's Office will notify all affected parties of new court dates.

All other cases will proceed as scheduled.

CIRCUIT COURT

The following applies to circuit court dockets:

1. Jury trials will continue according to schedule, but a liberal continuance policy will be in effect to accommodate the health needs of individuals whose presence is necessary for the trial and who are experiencing effects of the virus or otherwise quarantined. **Jurors who are summoned to appear should advise the Court before reporting if they are experiencing fever or other symptoms of illness or if they have within fourteen days returned from international travel from countries identified by the Center for Disease Control as experiencing elevated risk for coronavirus. See wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel.**

2. All litigants with scheduled hearings on any pretrial motion are encouraged to schedule such motion to be conducted by telephone. The Clerk has been directed to accommodate all such requests and to provide information about the conference line that should be used for the call. The proponent of any requested order is responsible for submitting that order to the Court in advance of the telephonic hearing.

3. Effective March 18, all pre-trial hearings for felony matters involving in-custody inmates shall be conducted with the defendant appearing from the correctional facility by videoconference.

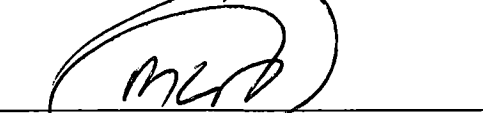
Any lawyer or pro se litigant experiencing fever or symptoms of illness, or who has **within fourteen days returned from international travel from countries identified by the Center for Disease Control as experiencing elevated risk for coronavirus, must report this fact to the court before entering the building. Violation is punishable by contempt of court.**

IT IS SO ORDERED.


ENTERED: March 13, 2020



MARY JANE HALL, CHIEF JUDGE



MICHAEL C. ROSENBLUM, CHIEF JUDGE



ROBERT McLANAHAN SMITH, CHIEF JUDGE