

VIRGINIA: IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURTS FOR THE 9<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT INCLUDING YORK COUNTY AND CITY OF POQUOSON, CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG AND JAMES CITY COUNTY, GLOUCESTER COUNTY, MATTHEWS COUNTY, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, KING WILLIAM COUNTY, KING AND QUEEN COUNTY, NEW KENT COUNTY AND CHARLES CITY COUNTY

ORDER

It appearing to the Court that the President of the United States and the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia have issued emergency declarations concerning the health and safety of our citizens,

And it further appearing to the Court that the Federal Center of Disease Control has issued certain guidance including mitigation strategies for communities to reduce or eliminate large gatherings of individuals to avoid the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID 2019),

And it further appearing to the Courts that they are authorized under Va. Code 16.1-69.35(5) to determine when the Courts shall be open for transaction of business when "under prevailing conditions, [it] would constitute a threat to the health and safety of the Clerk's office personnel or the general public,"

And the Judges of the numerous Courts having met and consulted with various stakeholders in the Court's operations,

It is ORDERED that there should be limited access to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts of the localities listed above, comprising all the Courts of the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District from March 17, 2020 until April 1, 2020. All cases involving Child Support, Civil Custody and Visitation; Adult Criminal Cases where the defendant is not currently incarcerated; and Juvenile Traffic and Delinquency (Criminal) Cases where the Juvenile is not held in Detention are hereby CONTINUED. Witnesses subpoenaed for these matters are hereby EXCUSED from appearing.

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All currently scheduled hearings for any adult defendant who remains incarcerated or any juvenile that is in detention shall proceed as scheduled unless a separate ORDER of continuance is entered upon motion of any party to the case. The Courts will continue to conduct limited hearings including bond motions, petitions for Family Abuse Protective Orders, petitions for Abuse or Neglect of children, video arraignments for incarcerated persons and emergency motions filed during that period.

This ORDER shall remain in effect pending further Order of the Courts.

ENTER: 3/16/2020



Wade A. Bowie, Chief Judge