

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND GENERAL DISTRICT COURT  
CIVIL DIVISION

AMENDED ORDER RE: COVID-19

In light of the Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency entered by the Supreme Court of Virginia on March 16, 2020, this Court's Order entered March 13, 2020 is hereby amended to the following:

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

And it further appearing to the Court that the federal Center for Disease Control has issued certain guidance including mitigation strategies for communities to reduce or eliminate large gatherings of individuals so as to avoid the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19),

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

It is ORDERED that this Court be, and the same is hereby, closed to the public on March 16, 2020.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that all cases pending on the Court's civil docket during the period March 16 to April 6, 2020, are hereby CONTINUED on the Court's docket for a period of 21 days from the currently scheduled court date.

And it is FURTHER ORDERED that during the period March 16 to April 6, 2020, the Court will continue to conduct hearings on **emergency motions**, including **but not limited to** motions for unlawful exclusion. During the same period, the Clerk's Office will remain open to receive pleadings and other filings.

This Order shall remain in effect pending further Order of the Court.

ENTER:

*March 17, 2020*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. S. Queen", written over a horizontal line.

Chief Judge