



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Georgia K. Sutton, Judge
John Franklin, Judge

Juvenile And Domestic Relations District Court

Susan A. Klingensmith, Clerk

COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA

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Order

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Virginia Supreme Court order declaring a state of judicial emergency, effective Monday, March 16, 2020 until Monday, April 6, 2020, the Spotsylvania County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court does hereby order as follows:

1. The Clerk's office remains open to receive and process filings, but physical access is limited to staff.
2. The only matters which will be heard are as follows:
 - Protective orders
 - Bond hearings (by video only)
 - Arraignments (by video only)
 - Juvenile advisement/arraignments (by video only)
 - Juvenile detention hearings (by video only)
 - DSS emergency removal hearings and preliminary child protective orders only.
 - Emergency hearings, if deemed to be an emergency by the Judge based on written motions requesting an emergency hearing.
3. All civil, pending DSS cases, traffic, CHINS, criminal matters, walk-in adult arraignments, and walk-in juvenile advisement/arraignments are being continued, and new dates will be coordinated and assigned by the clerk's office.
4. All drivers' license ceremonies will be rescheduled.
5. Any in-person hearings are strictly limited to attorneys, parties, necessary witnesses, security officers, and court personnel.

This order is subject to modifications as events unfold.

Entered this 17th day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Georgia K. Sutton".

Georgia K. Sutton, Presiding Judge