

Per Chief Justice Donald W. Lemons' Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency in response to COVID-19 Emergency, the Alleghany County Combined Courts will postpone all non-emergency cases effective today through April 6, 2020. You will receive a notice of the new hearing by mail when it has been rescheduled. The Court will continue to have arraignments, bond hearings, protective order cases, emergency child custody or protection cases and civil commitment hearings. Cases that are already scheduled and the defendant is incarcerated without a bond will be held unless otherwise notified. In any case that will necessitate being heard, only the essential parties to the case will be allowed in the Courtroom. No extra family members will be allowed with the exception of parents(s) for juvenile cases. Preliminary Protective Orders will be addressed only by affidavit. **You can make payments for fines/costs at www.vacourts.gov.** You will not be allowed to enter the courthouse if you have visited China, Iran, South Korea or any European countries or any other high-risk countries identified by the CDC in the previous 14 days; or if you have traveled domestically within the United States where COVID-19 has sustained widespread community transmission; or if you have been asked to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor by any doctor, hospital or health agency; or if you have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or if you have a fever, cough, or shortness of breath; or if you have resided with or been in contact with any person in the above-mentioned categories.

On March 17, 2020, Judge Christopher Russell entered a General Order that due to the state of Judicial Emergency declared by Chief Justice Lemons of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Court will not accept any civil filings until after April 6, 2020. This is further subject to any extension made by the Chief Justice of the Judicial Emergency. For any filings sent in to this court after April 6, 2020, filers are advised to not set any dates sooner than July 1, 2020. Any filings made prior to April 6, 2020, or during the period of Judicial Emergency, will not be accepted by the Court and will be returned to the filer. Pursuant to Va. Code 18.1-330 (D), all deadlines are hereby tolled and extended by Order of the Supreme Court of Virginia