

**VIRGINIA:**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD  
AND THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS**

**In Re: CIRCUIT COURTS and CLERK'S OFFICES CLOSED – 17 & 18 March  
2020**

*Cm20-41*

**ORDER**

On 12 March 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 51 (2020) declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. On 15 March 2020, the Governor orally issued a statewide ban for events of more than 100 persons. On 16 March 2020, Chief Justice declared a judicial emergency pursuant to Va. Code Ann. §17-1.330.

Under the provisions of Va. Code Ann. §§17.1-501.B., 17.1-207.A.3., 8.01-332, 19.2-243, and the Court's inherent authority to act in such matters, and the Court finding good cause therefore, the Court **ORDERS:**

The Circuit Courts and the Clerk's Offices for the County of Chesterfield and the City of Colonial Heights shall be closed on 17 and 18 March 2020. Employees are to report as directed by their supervisor.

For purposes of speedy trial in criminal matters, the Court finds that the current state of emergency and the causes therefore constitute both a natural disaster and an act of God.

The Clerk of the Chesterfield Circuit Court and the Clerk of the Colonial Heights Circuit Court, respectively, are directed to promulgate and to publish this order to the public, file a copy of this order with the case papers in the affected matters, and provide a copy to the Supreme Court.

ENTER      MAR 16 2020



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Edward A. Robbins, Jr.  
Chief Judge  
12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

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COLONIAL HEIGHTS CIRCUIT COURT

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