

Proposed Specific Response to COVID -19 for Hanover GDC

Effective immediately March 16, 2020:

- All criminal trials and preliminary hearings scheduled through March 27, 2020 for bonded defendants will be continued at the Front Door of the Courthouse or via counsel through normal procedure forms available in the Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Other than for incarcerated defendant cases, all witnesses, officers, and subpoenaed persons are to be released. Arraignments and preliminary hearings and trials for defendants that are incarcerated will continue to be heard as currently docketed. All non-witness third parties will be asked to remain outside the courthouse to minimize interaction.
- All bond motions will continue as normally scheduled in court or if available via video.
- All criminal arraignment walk-ins at 8:15 will be rescheduled for approximately 45 days.
- Traffic Cases will be continued for approximately 60 days.
- All first return civil cases except protective orders will be continued for approximately 60 days.
- Protective Orders and Unlawful Detainers will remain as set
- The Court will address all other motions and requests for continuances, bond modifications, emergency hearings, as well as situations not covered or adversely affected by this policy on an as needed basis.