

VIRGINIA:

IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA:

Revised schedule for the week of **March 30 to April 3, 2020** pursuant to the declared Judicial Emergency:

TRAFFIC AND CRIMINAL

All cases with incarcerated defendants will be handled by agreement of the Court, Commonwealth & Defense Counsel on a case-by-case basis. Video advisements remain unchanged. Bond motions will be heard every day at 9:00 a.m. (defendant present by video) and 11:00 a.m. (defendant not present).

9:00 Advisement dockets: All cases set for the 9:00 advisement dockets for March 30 to April 3 are continued to June 22 at 9:00 a.m.

9:30 Traffic and Criminal dockets:

Traffic infractions are postponed – notices of new court dates have been mailed to all defendants who are charged with traffic infractions not associated with jailable offenses. The same is true **for non-jailable criminal offenses** (such as drunk in public and open container) as well as **civil infractions** (such as VRE and Metro fare evasion cases).

Jailable offenses **with attorneys** – if you have an attorney who has advised the Court that they are representing you in this case, contact your attorney who will select a new date by agreement with the prosecutor.

Jailable offenses **without attorneys** – if you **do not** have an attorney who has advised the Court that they are representing you in this case then your case is continued to June 22 at 9:30 a.m.

11:00 Preliminary Hearing dockets – all cases of defendants not in custody will be continued by agreement of your attorney and the prosecutor. If you do not have an attorney your case is continued to June 22 at 11:00 a.m.

CIVIL

1:30 Civil first return dockets and Thursday 9:30 civil trials and 11:00 small claims dockets will be continued to their original times as follows:

All March 31 civil cases are continued to June 23

All April 1 civil cases are continued to June 24

All April 2 civil cases are continued to June 25

All April 3 civil cases are continued to June 26

The Court will not be sending any additional notices in civil cases so Plaintiffs should send Defendants a letter notifying them of their new court date. Parties are permitted to agree to different dates so long as they are after the dates set out above.

Initial Petitions for **Preliminary Protective Orders** will continue to be heard at the time of filing and may be granted for longer than the 15-day limit set forth in Virginia Code Section 19.2-152.9 (B).

DONALD M. HADDOCK, JR.
Chief Judge