

Fluvanna Juvenile & Domestic Relation Court

In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, the court will have a liberal continuance policy if you are ill or cannot find daycare for young children. If you feel ill or have been in contact with someone who is ill, please contact the Clerk's Office prior to coming to court. The court asks that unless you are a party to a case or a necessary witness, please stay home. The driver's license presentation ceremony for April will not take place. Effective March 16, 2020, we will reduce operations to those that have been determined essential for the continued orderly administration of justice (i.e, including but not limited to foster care, juvenile detention, protective orders, bond hearings). Non-essential matters will be set beyond April 30, 2020. All detention hearings, arraignments and bond hearings for incarcerated defendants will be conducted by video.

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TO: COURT STAFF, ATTORNEYS, LITIGANTS, WITNESSES, VISITORS, CSU, DSS, DCSE, COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

In light of the coronavirus outbreak, the Courts are taking precautions to ensure the health and safety of all who enter the courthouse. We are stressing to all persons entering the courthouse to wash their hands and take universal health precautions.

- **Attorneys should discourage individuals (such as family members, friends, drivers) who are not necessary to cases, from coming into the courthouse and attending court.**
- **If parties or necessary witnesses are ill or not feeling well, please seek a continuance of your case BEFORE the individual comes to court. A liberal continuance policy will be implemented.**
- **Attorneys are urged to work together to present stipulations of facts if that will eliminate some witnesses' attendance at court.**
- **Please alert the clerk's office of any inmate who needs to be transported. It may be that the case could be continued, that person could appear by video, or a stipulation concerning his/her testimony could be presented to the court. The clerk's office will also try to screen any out-of-town movements for incarcerated individuals.**
- **All bond hearings and arraignments for inmates who are incarcerated will be held by video. If bond conditions can be agreed to ahead of the bond hearing, we can dispense with the jail's need to move the inmate even within the jail facility itself.**
- **If a client or a witness has traveled internationally since January 2020 please request a continuance.**
- **Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to avoid non-essential gatherings in a very closed space the court is suspending operator license ceremonies until further notice.**