

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Supreme Court of Virginia has declared a Judicial Emergency as of March 16, 2020. In accordance with the Order of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Newport News Circuit Court shall implement the following measures absent a specific exception as listed below:

1. All civil, traffic and criminal matters are continued, including jury trials, subject to a defendant's right to a speedy trial, with the exception of emergency matters, including, but not limited to, quarantine or isolation matters, arraignments, bail reviews, protective order cases, emergency child custody or protection cases, and civil commitment hearings. Judges may exercise their discretion with regard to proceedings with cases where the defendant is incarcerated. Probation violation hearings where the defendant is incarcerated will proceed as scheduled. Attorneys or *pro se* defendants in criminal cases where the defendant is incarcerated may request hearings as appropriate.
2. Courtroom attendance is limited to attorneys, parties, and necessary witnesses and members of the press in any matter that cannot be continued.
3. Attorneys are required to e-file all new civil matters.
4. Individuals with legitimate court business who are ill or caring for someone who is ill, or is otherwise in a high-risk category, as defined by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), are to call the Clerk of Court or other appropriate court personnel to request an appropriate accommodation.

This notice will be updated as needed unless further statewide action is implemented.

**NOTE:** PLEASE BE AWARE THAT CALL VOLUMES ARE HIGH, AND WE THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PATIENCE.