

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

In re: PERIOD OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19
CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS-SECOND ORDER

Order

During the period of judicial emergency due to the COVID-19 emergency, the Court enters this Order to advise court users of the protocols and schedules of this Court through June 28, 2020.

- 1) The Court shall hear, in the courtroom, protective order appeals, appeals from the juvenile and domestic relations district court and garnishment proceedings. All other civil cases on the Civil Trial Docket through June 28, 2020 shall be continued, unless otherwise excepted as listed below.
- 2) Criminal cases and misdemeanor/traffic appeal cases shall be continued subject to the following exceptions: The Court may hear by use of video conferencing inmate arraignments and inmate determination of counsel hearings, bail hearings, court approved modification of sentence hearings, and guilty plea and stipulated violation of probation matters with agreed dispositions or sentence.
- 3) The Friday Motion Docket is cancelled.
- 4) No jury trials shall occur until further notice.
- 5) The Court shall hear urgent statutory mandated matters on the Duty Judge Docket by two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using Polycom or WebEx, or by telephone, unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge.
- 6) Matters deemed an emergency and approved by the Court for hearing shall be heard on the Duty Judge Docket by two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using Polycom or WebEx, or by telephone, unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge.
- 7) All non-emergency matters may be granted a hearing by the Court. Such hearing shall be scheduled on the Duty Judge Docket and shall be heard by two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using Polycom or WebEx, or by telephone, unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge.
- 8) Matters set on the Duty Judge Docket shall be heard remotely by use of a two-way electronic audio-visual communication system using Polycom or WebEx, or by telephone, unless an in-person hearing is approved by a Judge.
- 9) Civil Docket Call shall be held subject to social and physical distancing restrictions in the courtroom.
- 10) Any in-person court proceeding shall be limited to no more than 10 people in the courtroom and subject to social and physical distancing restrictions and wearing a face covering that covers the nose and mouth except for those who cannot safely wear a face mask because of a health-related condition or medical issue. The presiding judge may authorize removal of a face mask to facilitate a proceeding and when the wearing of a face mask may inhibit the ability to communicate.

ENTER: June 5, 2020


CHIEF JUDGE GLENN R. CROSHAW