

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CAROLINE

O R D E R TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING PROCEEDINGS

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Order of the Supreme Court of Virginia dated March 16, 2020 and the states of emergency declared by the Governor of Virginia and the President of the United States, the Circuit Court of Caroline will take the following measures effective immediately:

- 1) All Courts will remain open subject to limiting Orders of the Presiding Judge of each court;
- 2) The Circuit Court Clerks Office will close to the public on Friday March 20 at 12:00 noon and will remain closed until Wednesday March 25 at 8:30 a.m. The Clerks Office will have limited public hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. through the close of business April 6, 2020;
- 3) All civil cases are continued by Order of the Supreme Court. New dates can be obtained by calling Ms. Hendrickson at (804) 633-1098.
- 4) All criminal matters involving incarcerated defendants remain on the docket pending further order of the Court;
- 5) All matters concerning non incarcerated defendants will be continued to May 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. to be reset or counsel may obtain new dates by calling judge's chambers;
- 6) All jurors scheduled to appear on March 23, 24, 25 and 26 are released from appearing. Cases will be rescheduled at a later date if necessary. Jurors for April 1 should check the juror line later in the week;
- 7) All matters related to protective orders, emergency child custody orders, child protective orders, temporary injunctive relief, emergency mental health orders, protection of elderly or vulnerable persons, orders related to COVID-19 public health emergency and other emergency orders will be heard;

- 8) The presiding judge of each court is authorized to determine the manner in which court proceedings are scheduled and clerks' offices hours and procedures relating to the operation of.

Judges are charged with the responsibility of ensuring that core constitutional functions and rights are protected. The Courts will continue vital functions during this emergency.

This Order may be shortened, modified or extended as circumstances dictate.

Entered this 17th day of March 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sarah L. Deneke", written over a horizontal line.

Sarah L. Deneke, Presiding Judge, Caroline
Circuit Court