

**VIRGINIA: IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH**

**IN RE: ORDER OF OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

Due to the current global COVID-19 pandemic and consistent with the Virginia Supreme Court's declarations of judicial emergency dated March 16, March 27, April 22, 2020, May 16, 2020, June 1, 2020, June 22, 2020, and July 8, 2020, and per Va. Code Section 16.1-69 (5), effective July 20, 2020, and continuing through August 9, 2020, the General District Court of the City of Virginia Beach will operate as follows:

- (1) **CRIMINAL CASES SET IN COURTROOMS 1 AND 2 WILL TAKE PLACE AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. ONLY THOSE PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CASES AS PARTIES, WITNESSES OR ATTORNEYS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE COURTROOMS.**
- (2) **CASES SET IN FOR TRAFFIC COURTROOM C WILL TAKE PLACE AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. ONLY THOSE PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CASES AS PARTIES, WITNESSES OR ATTORNEYS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE COURTROOM.**
- (3) **BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2020, CASES SET IN TRAFFIC COURTROOMS A AND B WILL TAKE PLACE AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. ONLY THOSE PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CASES AS PARTIES, WITNESSES OR ATTORNEYS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE COURTROOMS.**
- (4) **CASES SET IN CIVIL COURTROOMS A AND B WILL TAKE PLACE AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. ONLY THOSE PERSONS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE CASES AS PARTIES, WITNESSES OR ATTORNEYS WILL BE PERMITTED IN THE COURTROOMS.**
- (5) Felony bond hearings will be conducted at 8:00 a.m. in Traffic Courtroom D. Inmates will appear via video feed from the jail. Attendance is limited to victims, witnesses and attorneys.
- (6) Misdemeanor bond hearings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in Traffic Courtroom D. Inmates will appear via video feed from the jail. Attendance is limited to victims, witnesses and attorneys.\*
- (7) Arraignments of in-custody defendants will be held at 1:00 p.m. in Traffic Courtroom D. Inmates will appear via video feed from the jail. Attendance is limited to victims, witnesses and attorneys.\*

**All persons entering the courtrooms or clerk's offices of the General District Court shall comply with the Judicial Emergency Orders entered by the Supreme Court of Virginia as it pertains to the wearing of face coverings.**

The clerk's offices of the General District Court are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for conduct of the business of the Court. Persons needing to file papers with the Court are encouraged to do so by mail or by the drop box located in front of the main entrance to the Courthouse.

Parties are directed to [www.courts.state.va.us](http://www.courts.state.va.us) for further information and updates.

Entered on June 26, 2020 by Daniel R. Lahne, Chief Judge

\*These times are subject to adjustment depending on the Virginia Beach Correctional Center's ability to transport inmates to the Courthouse.