

VIRGINIA:

**IN THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURTS FOR
THE CITY OF ROANOKE, THE COUNTY OF ROANOKE AND THE CITY OF
SALEM**

COVID -19 ORDER #10

These Courts entered an order on March 16, 2020 to address emergency declarations of the President of the United States and the Governor of Virginia concerning the health and safety of our citizens;

And the Supreme Court of Virginia (“Supreme Court”), by order entered March 16, 2020, declared a state of judicial emergency in all district and circuit courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and by orders entered March 27, 2020 and April 22, 2020 the Supreme Court extended the judicial emergency through April 26, 2020 and through May 17, 2020 respectively;

And these Courts entered orders on March 16, 2020 (“First Order”), on March 30, 2020 (“Second Order”) and on April 10, 2020 (“Third Order”) to address the state of judicial emergency declared by the Supreme Court and to clarify these Courts’ response to said emergency;

And these Courts on April 23, 2020 entered an order (“Fourth Order”) extending the previous orders (First, Second and Third) through May 17, 2020;

Further, on May 6, 2020 the Supreme Court entered an order extending the state of judicial emergency from May 18, 2020 through June 7, 2020¹;

¹ The May 6, 2020 order, in paragraph 4, permits courts to hear in-person, non-emergency matters if they determine that it is safe to do so, and provided that they comply with guidance for transitioning from emergency to routine operations provided by the Office of the Executive Secretary. That guidance was provided on May 8, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The provisions of these Courts' First, Second, Third and Fourth Orders shall continue in full force and effect through May 25, 2020, as if fully set forth herein.
2. Effective immediately, any summons, subpoena or other process commanding a person's courthouse appearance shall contain conspicuous language, or a supplemental sheet, substantially in accordance with the attached.

ENTER: May 12, 2020



Frank W. Rogers, III
Chief Judge

NOTICE:

Please do not come to the courthouse if you have:

- Recently returned from international travel;
- Been asked to quarantine, self-isolate, or self-monitor, been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
- Experienced a fever, cough or shortness of breath; or
- Resided with or been in close contact with any person mentioned in the above categories.

If you fit one of the above categories and have business with the court, please contact the Clerk's Office of that court for further instructions.

While at the courthouse:

- Protective face covering is strongly encouraged.
- Observe posted signage.
- Practice social distancing throughout the courthouse, including inside the courtroom. Stay at least six feet apart.
- Follow marked directional and instructional signs.
- Avoid grouping to socialize.
- Obey all directions of court security personnel.
- Observe safe health practices.

Because of social distancing requirements, access to the courthouse and courtrooms will be limited to parties, attorneys and necessary witnesses. Spectators may not be permitted.

Do not bring children to the courthouse unless you are specifically asked to do so.