

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 #12

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;

And, these Courts entered an order on May 12, 2020 (“Fifth Order”) extending the Courts’ First, Second, Third and Fourth orders through May 25, 2020;

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 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.

And, these Courts entered an order on May 19, 2020 (“Sixth Order”);

Further, on June 1, 2020, the Supreme Court entered an order extending the state of judicial emergency from June 7, 2020 through June 28, 2020 and, for the first time, ordered that all persons aged 10 or over entering a courthouse must wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is **ORDERED** as follows:

1. The provisions of these Courts’ First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Orders shall continue in full force and effect, as if fully set forth herein.

Said orders shall continue thereafter until further court order, except as expressly modified herein.

2. Beginning immediately, the Clerks shall provide a revised Notice with any summons, subpoena or other process commanding a person’s courthouse appearance in conspicuous language, or as a supplemental sheet, substantially in accordance with the attached.

3. As required by order of the Supreme Court of Virginia entered June 1, 2020, all persons aged 10 or over entering a courthouse must wear a face covering that covers the nose and mouth. This includes judges, attorneys, deputy sheriffs, court reporters, employees, members of the public, contractors, and all others who work in or visit the courthouse. Within a courtroom, the presiding judge may authorize removal of a face mask to facilitate a proceeding. As also required by order of the Supreme Court of Virginia, individuals without a face mask will not be permitted to enter a courthouse except for those who cannot safely wear a face mask because of a health-related condition. The requirement to wear a face mask shall not apply

to judges or magistrates to the extent they determine it inhibits their ability to effectively communicate, or to individuals who have difficulty breathing or who cannot remove a face mask without help or have other medical issues that make the wearing of a face covering unsafe.

ENTER: June 1, 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 the court for further instructions.

While at the courthouse:

- Protective face covering is required by order of the Supreme Court of Virginia.
- 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.