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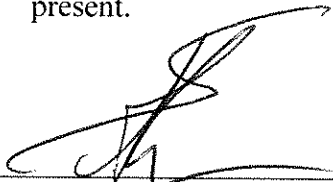
IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
The County of Chesterfield and the City of Colonial Heights

Order of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit for the Conduct of Trials  
Pursuant to Twenty-Third Order of the Supreme Court of Virginia  
Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency

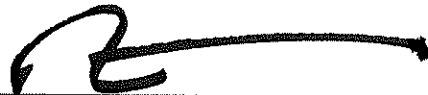
Effective 1 July 2021

1. Persons present in the Circuit Court should wear a mask if they are not fully vaccinated. Others may wear a mask or face shield if desired.
2. Jury trials may be conducted in any courtroom.
  - a. The 1917 Courthouse will no longer serve as the public viewing area for trials in Chesterfield. Juries will no longer participate in trials seated in the courtroom gallery. Jury deliberations will no longer be conducted in locations distant from the courtroom. Seating for and the conduct of voir dire proceedings will occur as the trial judge directs. Sidebars will be conducted as the trial judge directs. Use of technology for the presentation of evidence will occur as the trial judge directs.
  - b. Required use of alternate jurors in each case will continue. All juror meals will continue to occur at the courthouse at no expense to each juror. Jurors will continue to be provided gloves to facilitate their handling of exhibits and documents. Additional cleaning of courtrooms will be conducted as the trial judge directs.
3. Security personnel will continue to verbally screen all individuals entering the courthouse for COVID illness symptoms. Temperature screening checks will no longer be performed at entrance screening.
4. Any person presenting any risk of COVID transmission by providing a yes answer to a screening question will be denied admittance, unless that person is a complaining witness/victim, testifying witness, or family member of a criminal defendant. In those instances, the matter of admission is immediately referred to the appropriate trial judge to decide whether specific accommodations can be safely offered on a case

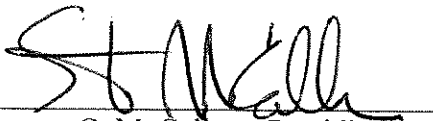
- by case basis. Accommodations for a necessary party or witness to testify without exposing others may include utilization of remote technologies, such as telephone, WebEx, or Polycom. No accommodation will permit the person to enter the courthouse.
5. If a prospective juror is denied entry due to the health screening, the Sheriff's Office will provide the juror's name to the trial judge and clerk. The parties will be informed prior to voir dire. Juror questionnaires will include the Clerk's Office contact information should prospective jurors have COVID related concerns. Continuances will be liberally granted as might be necessary to both preserve trial integrity and ensure the health and safety of all participants.
  6. PPE materials will be provided at security locations, at no cost, upon individual request.
  7. No individual entering the courthouse will be required to disclose their vaccine status.
  8. Presiding judges retain the authority to modify the provisions of this order as might be necessary or convenient as the circumstances of any individual or case might present.



Edward A. Robbins, Jr., Chief Judge



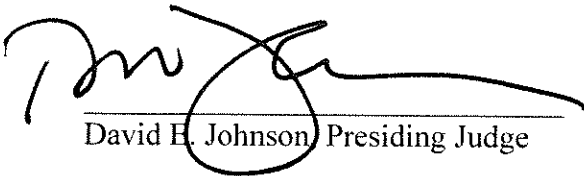
F.G. Rockwell, Presiding Judge



Steven C. McCallum, Presiding Judge



Lynn S. Brice, Presiding Judge



David H. Johnson Presiding Judge