

Virginia:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD

In Re: Termination of COVID-19 related modifications to operations of the Courts of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit

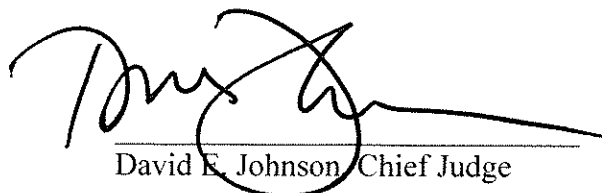
ORDER

Pursuant to the Supreme Court of Virginia's Thirty-Sixth Order Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency in Response to COVID-19 Emergency issued March 4, 2022, it is hereby ORDERED

1. Effective immediately, the Sheriffs of Chesterfield County and the City of Colonial Heights shall discontinue manual health-related screening of individuals entering the courthouses of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. The respective Sheriffs shall remove or amend as appropriate posted signage in public areas.
2. Effective immediately, masks and social distancing shall not be required within the courthouses of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit except as may be ordered by presiding judges. Individuals in the courthouses may elect to wear a mask based on their own personal preference and risk tolerance.
3. Effective March 21, 2022, court operations related to electronic filing and signatures and jury trials will revert to pre-COVID procedures. Electronic filings such as faxes and e-mails will no longer be considered properly filed with the Court. Jury Services staff will terminate COVID protocols and advanced COVID communications with prospective jurors. The respective Clerks shall make reasonable efforts to notify the public and the bar.
4. Upon appropriate motion, requests for remote hearings for good cause shown shall continue to be considered by the Court.
5. Presiding judges retain the authority to modify the provisions of this order as might be necessary or convenient as the circumstances of any individual, case, jury, or grand jury might present.
6. Speedy trial act deadlines continue to be tolled by order of the Supreme Court of Virginia during the ongoing Period of Judicial Emergency.

ENTER:

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David E. Johnson Chief Judge