

March 22, 2020

CHESTERFIELD GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

PUBLIC NOTICE

In response to the declaration of a Judicial Emergency effective March 16th, 2020, Chesterfield General District Court would like to share information regarding services the court will be able to provide. The processing of non-emergency and non-essential matters will cease; therefore, all traffic, criminal, and civil matters will be continued. Notices containing the rescheduled date will be mailed to the address that the court has on file. In addition, updated case information can also be found on the Supreme Court website at www.vacourts.gov under "case status and information".

Please direct all inquiries to Linda J. Moore, Clerk of the General District Court via email at Lmoore@vacourts.gov, although email is encouraged, you may reach the court through our main number at 804-748-1231 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.. Please keep in mind that there may be excessive hold times due to the volume of calls.

The court will continue to accept all filings through U.S. Mail; however, processing of non-emergency filings will be delayed until April 6th or later if the Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency is continued for an additional period of time by the Chief Justice. Please mail any correspondence to:

Chesterfield General District Court

9500 Courthouse Road

P.O. Box 144

Chesterfield, VA 23832

In addition, a drop box for General District Court is located outside of the main courthouse.

Traffic and Criminal matters:

All cases scheduled between March 16th, 2020 and April 6th, 2020, will be continued and notices mailed to the address that the court has on file.

Arraignments will be heard by video for incarcerated defendants only. Bonded arraignments scheduled between March 16th, 2020, and March 31st, 2020, will be rescheduled and are set to resume on April 1st, 2020.

Effective March 20, 2020, all Bond Hearings will be scheduled through the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and will be heard at 11:00 along with the video arraignments. Defense Attorneys should call 804-748-1221 to schedule any Bond Hearings, and if you are aware of a specific prosecutor already being

assigned to your case, please ask to speak to that prosecutor first to determine if a bond may be agreed to without the need of a hearing. Agreed orders should be emailed to the Clerk of Court at Lmoore@vacourts.gov; signatures will be waived as long as the orders state agreed.

Any emergency motions must be submitted to the court in writing and will be handled at the discretion of the presiding Judge.

Civil matters:

All civil cases scheduled between March 16th, 2020, and April 6th, 2020, will be continued and notices mailed to the address that the court has on file.

Contested trials may be rescheduled by agreed order via fax to 804-748-1757 or by email to the Clerk of Court. Signatures will be waived provided that the order stated that it is agreed. Please contact the civil division at the Clerk's Office at 804-748-1231 to receive available trial dates.

Writ of Evictions may continue to be submitted to the court but will not be processed until after April 6th or longer if the Judicial State of Emergency is extended.

Any emergency motions must be submitted to the court in writing and will be handled at the discretion of the presiding judge.

Protective Orders:

Protective Orders are deemed as urgent and will continue to be processed by the Clerk's office. Intake of Protective orders will take place at the General District Clerk's Office. Hearings will be conducted daily at the normal time of 10:45 a.m.