

VIRGINIA: IN THE PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

ORDER

In accordance with the emergency orders entered by the Governor and the Judicial Declarations Emergency orders entered by the Virginia Supreme Court, all individuals entering the Pittsylvania County Courthouse Complex are hereby ORDERED to do the following:

- 1) All members of the public shall enter from one point of entry.
- 2) All individuals must have their temperature taken and answer the following questions:
  - Within the last 14 days have you traveled internationally?
  - Are you currently experiencing, or have you experienced in the past 14 days, a fever, cough or shortness of breath?
  - Within the past 14 days have you had (or do you have):
    - Fever or chills? -Cough? - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing (other than a pre-existing non-COVID diagnosis)? -Fatigue? - Muscle or body aches? -Headache? - New loss of taste or smell? - Sore throat? -Congestion or runny nose? -Nausea or vomiting? -Diarrhea?
  - In the past 14 days, have you been in close proximity to anyone who was experiencing any of the above listed symptoms?
  - In the past 14 days, have you been directed to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor?
  - In the past 14 days, have you been diagnosed with, or had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or resided with someone in the above categories?
  - Have you been tested for COVID-19 and are waiting to receive test results?

**\*\* Anyone answering "yes" or who has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or over will be denied entry. However, if the person is a necessary party or witness, the court will make accommodations through Polycom, WebEx, or continuances. The person will NOT be allowed into the courthouse complex and potentially expose others.**

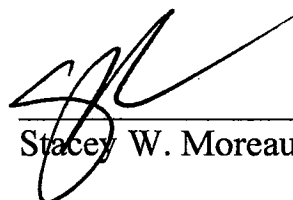
- 3) All individuals entering from employee entrances shall check their temperature once they arrive at their department and certify to their department head that the answer to the above questions are all no.
- 4) If there is an individual exposed to COVID-19 within the courthouse complex [exposure to defined by CDC when you are within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more or, you provide care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19 or, you had direct physical contact with a person with COVID-19 (hugged or kissed them) or, you shared eating or

drinking utensils or, they sneezed, coughed or somehow got respiratory droplets on you.]

The department head shall contact Pittsylvania County Circuit Court Clerk, Mark Scarce, at 434-441-0914 to advise him of the exposure. The exposed individual's name shall not be divulged. The clerk will advise the Court and thereafter the courthouse complex will be shut down and sanitation will be done on all affected areas of the courthouse complex. The clerk will also notify all department heads of the closure of the courthouse complex. The affected area will be sealed for 24-hours for proper CDC approved sanitation. The portions of the courthouse complex that have not been exposed or affected by the COVID-19 exposure will be re-open the next business day as determined by each department heads. The Clerk will notify the Health Department of the exposure and post notifications at the entranceway of the security station notifying the general public of the exposure. Those who have been exposed are ordered to follow CDC guidelines and isolate per said guidelines.

- 5) All individuals entering the courthouse complex shall wear facemasks. Individuals without a facemask will not be permitted to enter the courthouse except for those who cannot safely wear a facemask because of a health-related condition. All masks must be worn within a courtroom unless the presiding judge authorizes removal of the face mask to facilitate a proceeding.
- 6) In the courtrooms all witnesses shall be socially distant while in witness rooms with a seat being assigned each witness.
- 7) If someone removes his or her mask, they will be asked to put the mask back on. If the person refuses, they will have to leave the courthouse complex. The same is true for failing to abide by strict physical social distancing (staying 6 feet or more away from others). If someone fails to abide by the physical social distancing requirement, they will have to leave. If someone has a health-related condition that prevents them from wearing a mask they may remain in the courthouse complex but shall be excluded from courtrooms unless presiding judge permits their entrance.
- 8) All participates in jury trials shall follow the approved Pittsylvania County Circuit Court Safe Jury Plan.
- 9) The Clerk of Court is directed to post a copy of this Order on its website and to provide a copy of the Order to the Pittsylvania County Administrator, Sheriff, Judges and Clerks of the District Courts, Magistrate, and Commonwealth's Attorney.

November 30, 2020



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Stacey W. Moreau, Judge