

Staunton Sheriff's Office Press Release

March 16, 2020

Effective immediately and by Order of the Virginia Supreme Court, The Staunton Courthouse will be suspending its normal operation to the public for all non-essential and non-emergency cases from March 17, 2020 until April 6, 2020 or until further Order of the Court.

Staunton General District Court:

Anyone that has a traffic or civil case in Staunton General District Court between these times will either receive a notice in the mail or summons as to when their case will be heard. **PLEASE NOTE:** Criminal trials currently remain as scheduled unless continued by the Court. Considering concern for public safety, efforts are being made to continue as many criminal trials as possible and to notify those involved of any such continuances. Before going to Court, please call and see if your case has been continued or not.

The General District Clerks Office will be open and have staff available to take calls. If you need to make a payment on a fine, you will be able to do so over the phone or by mail. Bond hearings, advisements and civil commitments will be conducted via video conferencing. Attorneys that need to be a part of these proceedings will be allowed into the courthouse to represent their clients. For any questions about protective orders that need to be obtained, please call the Clerk's Office for more information.

Staunton Circuit Court Clerk:

The Circuit Court Clerk's Office also will be open and have staff available to take calls. If you need to make a payment on a fine, you will be able to do so on line or by mail. Attorneys are encouraged to E-File any civil cases they may have, but if unable, will be allowed into the courthouse in order to file those civil cases.

Staunton Circuit Court:

All non-essential and non-emergency cases in the Circuit Court will be continued to a later date. Notices will be sent out or summons will be issued to notify people as to when their case will be heard.

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Bond hearings and advisements will be conducted via video conferencing. Attorneys that need to be a part of these proceedings will be allowed into the courthouse to represent their clients.

Staunton & Augusta Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court:

Staunton and Augusta J&DR Court will run as scheduled on March 17, 2020 as all cases being heard are considered essential and emergency cases. Starting March 18, 2020, all non-emergency cases will be continued. If you have any questions, please call the court in advance.

The Staunton Sheriff's Office will be open during this time and can be reached at: 1-540-332-3880

Anyone that comes to the Staunton Courthouse displaying signs of sickness such as coughing, sneezing, fever, shortness of breath or appear to be visibly sick, will not be allowed to enter.

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate court from the numbers listed below:

Staunton General District Court: 1-540-332-3878

Staunton Circuit Court: 1-540-332-3874

Staunton J&DR Court: 1-540-245-5306

Sincerely,
Sheriff Matt Robertson