

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF STAUNTON

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth continues under a state of emergency declared by the Governor and a judicial emergency declared by the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

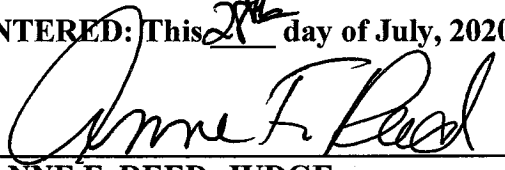
WHEREAS, it is necessary that continued precautions be taken to protect the health and safety of all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Court feels it is necessary to restate and reinforce its previous orders in effect for the Staunton City Courthouse; it is therefore **ORDERED** that:

- 1) All persons entering the Courthouse shall wear a mask or other appropriate face covering while in the public areas of the Courthouse unless they are medically unable to do so. Masks or other appropriate face coverings may be removed, with permission, in order for individuals to testify or to present their case.
- 2) Prior to entering the courthouse, any individual displaying signs of illness; who has travelled to any high risk areas where COVID-19 has sustained widespread community transmission; who has been asked to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor by any doctor, hospital, or health agent; who has been diagnosed with or has had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or who has resided with or been in close contact with any person in the above mentioned categories, will not be allowed in the courthouse and the case in which the individual was to have appeared will be continued if necessary.
- 3) All persons entering the Courthouse shall be subject to having their temperature taken as determined to be necessary by the bailiffs.
- 4) To reduce the number of individuals in the courthouse and courtroom at one time, only attorneys, parties, necessary witnesses, interpreters, court personnel, court reporters, bailiffs, and those deemed necessary by the Court and members of the press, where permitted by law, will be allowed in the courtroom during any hearing for which the aforementioned individuals are appearing and which space and social distancing protocols allow. Due to space limitations, not all witnesses may be allowed in the courthouse.

This order shall remain in effect until further modified by the Court and shall be distributed to all offices within the Courthouse and posted at each entrance.

ENTERED: This 21st day of July, 2020


ANNE F. REED, JUDGE

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