



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Georgia K. Sutton, Judge  
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*Juvenile And Domestic Relations District Court*

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COUNTY OF SPOTSYLVANIA

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## Order

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Virginia Supreme Court order declaring a state of judicial emergency, effective Monday, March 16, 2020 until Monday, April 6, 2020, the Spotsylvania County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court does hereby order as follows:

1. The Clerk's office remains open to receive and process filings, but physical access is limited to staff.
2. The only matters which will be heard are as follows:
  - Protective orders
  - Bond hearings (by video only)
  - Arraignments (by video only)
  - Juvenile advisement/arraignments (by video only)
  - Juvenile detention hearings (by video only)
  - DSS emergency removal hearings and preliminary child protective orders only.
  - Emergency hearings, if deemed to be an emergency by the Judge based on written motions requesting an emergency hearing.
3. All civil, pending DSS cases, traffic, CHINS, criminal matters, walk-in adult arraignments, and walk-in juvenile advisement/arraignments are being continued, and new dates will be coordinated and assigned by the clerk's office.
4. All drivers' license ceremonies will be rescheduled.
5. Any in-person hearings are strictly limited to attorneys, parties, necessary witnesses, security officers, and court personnel.

This order is subject to modifications as events unfold.

Entered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Georgia K. Sutton".

Georgia K. Sutton, Presiding Judge