

VIRGINIA: IN THE DANVILLE 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 James F. Ingram Justice Center (City of Danville Courthouse) 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? **These symptoms cannot be explained by any other cause or source.***
    - *Congestion or runny nose? - Nausea or vomiting? - Diarrhea? **These symptoms cannot be explained by any other cause or source.***
  - 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.

\*\*\* **Anyone answering yes shall be asked if their symptomology can be explained by any other source or cause.**

- 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 an individual who enters or works within the Courthouse complex is a) exposed to COVID-19 (per CDC Guidelines) **and** is symptomatic, or b) has **tested positive** with a PCR test and is asymptomatic shall notify their Department Head immediately. That individual shall be sent home from work immediately and shall quarantine and subject themselves to Health Department guidelines for contact tracing, isolation or quarantine, and testing requirements.

The Department Head shall contact the Circuit Court Judge's Chambers at (434) 799-5171 to advise them of this situation. The individual's name shall not be divulged. The Court, in consultation with the Health Director and Epidemiologist of the Health Department, shall make a determination based on the nature of exposure, the nature and extent of closure and cleaning that shall be required of individual offices or the building as a whole.

Upon a determination that an office, group of offices, or the building as a whole need to be closed, the Department Heads of all affected offices, as well as the City Manager, shall be notified. Any affected area required to be closed shall remain closed until it is determined that it may safely reopen after any cleaning and consultation with the Health Department. Any closures shall be posted and the Sheriff is directed to notify local media as well.

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.

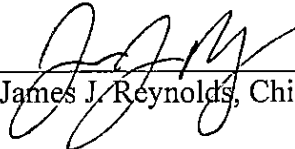
7) If someone removes his or her mask, they will be asked to put the mask back on. If the person refuses, they will have to leave the courthouse complex. The same is true for failing to abide by strict physical social distancing (staying 6 feet or more away from others). If someone fails to abide by 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 participants in jury trials shall follow the approved City of Danville 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 Danville City Manager, Sheriff,

Judges and Clerks of the District Courts, Magistrate, and Commonwealth's Attorney.

December 29, 2020

  
James J. Reynolds, Chief Judge