

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WARREN COUNTY
SPECIAL ORDER FOR COURTHOUSE ACCESS DURING
COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Virginia has issued a Declaration of Judicial Emergency, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, aimed at maintaining critical court functions while limiting contact of citizens to slow the spread of the disease,

WHEREAS, the Governor of Virginia has likewise declared a State of Emergency aimed at achieving the same purpose,

WHEREAS, the Warren County Courthouse is the location of several offices providing critical and essential functions to the community for which some public access is necessary, and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the protection of the citizens seeking services in the Courthouse and for the protection of those employees providing the services (and thus to protect the maintenance of these services) that close human contact be limited as much as possible,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby further ORDERED that general public access to the Courthouse shall be limited to no more than ten (10) persons at a time, EXCEPT that the following persons, who shall not count towards the ten-person limit:

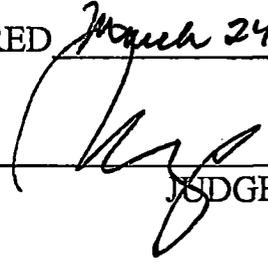
- 1) Attorneys authorized to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, while engaged in their profession,
- 2) Probation and parole officers and law enforcement officers,
- 3) Employees of any of the offices in the Courthouse,
- 4) Persons who are parties to or witnesses in any case scheduled to be heard in a court in the Courthouse on the day such persons seek entry, or
- 5) Members of the press who are entering the courthouse to attend a scheduled court hearing.

Other persons exceeding the ten-person limit will be required to wait outside until the number of members of the general public drops below ten. The judge of any court or the courthouse security is authorized to make exceptions to this limit when circumstances would warrant it.

This Order shall be subject to further adjustments as the public health situation and the Court's schedule may require.

ENTERED

March 24, 2020



JUDGE