

Norfolk Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court-Revised May 6, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court will operate on a reduced schedule commencing Thursday, March 19, 2020 through Friday, June 5, 2020. This means that all cases docketed during this time will be continued with the following exceptions:

1. Child dependency cases.
2. Preliminary Protective Order requests.
3. Juvenile delinquency proceedings in which the juvenile is being detained in a secure facility or group home.
4. Child Support Show Cause bond hearings.
5. Adult criminal cases (bond hearings and arraignments only) in which the defendant is being held in jail.

If a defendant is being held in jail and their case is scheduled for trial, any agreed dispositions or motions for nolle prosequi will be heard. Motions for bond will also be docketed and heard.

Continuances

Court dates will be rescheduled as quickly as possible. The clerks will contact the attorneys for available dates. All parties will be notified either by mail or Sheriff's process of the new court date. Please do not call the Clerk's Office.

Court Appearances

Any parties required to appear in Court are urged not to appear if they are ill or have had contact with someone who is ill. The Court also requests that you limit the number of people to only those who are necessary.

Detained Adults & Juveniles

Defendants being held in jail or juveniles being held in detention will not be transported to Court. They will participate by video. Attorneys are encouraged to contact their clients prior to the hearing; however, the Court will recess if attorneys need to speak with their client during a hearing. Privacy will be afforded to protect the attorney-client privilege.

Protective Orders

Protective Orders must be filed with Intake by 11:00 a.m. in order to receive a hearing on the date filed.

Driver's License Ceremony

The Driver's License Ceremonies scheduled for March are hereby cancelled. Juveniles and their families will be notified when they are rescheduled.

Appeals

Appeals may be noted orally in Court or faxed to the Clerk's Office at 757-823-1463. If noted in Court, the Clerk's Office will prepare the necessary paperwork the same day and will make arrangements to secure the Appellant's signature. The closure of the Court shall not prejudice any person's right to appeal, and any delay occasioned thereby shall not be counted against any Appellant for purposes of timely filing.

Duty Attorneys

Duty Attorneys shall still report as scheduled, and will be released by the sitting Judge as soon as practicable.