

VIRGINIA: IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK
ORDER CONCERNING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

The Court finds that the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 is a “natural disaster” as defined in *Code §§ 44-146.16, 19.2-243*.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia declared a Judicial State of Emergency throughout the Commonwealth from March 16 through April 6, 2020 and extended said order, first to April 26, 2020, then to May 17, 2020 a third time through June 7, 2020 and most recently through June 28, 2020. Based upon the current order of the Supreme Court of Virginia, it is hereby ORDERED that, all residential unlawful detainer actions and the issuance of writs of eviction that are presently set to be heard in this court on or before June 28, 2020, are hereby **SUSPENDED** and **CONTINUED**.

Pursuant to Order of the Norfolk Circuit Court, dated May 13, 2020, all citizens wishing to enter the courthouse shall wear a face covering.

The Court shall resume hearing non-emergency matters, with the exception of residential unlawful detainers and writs of eviction, on June 11, 2020.

*Court dockets for the foreseeable future will be limited due to social distancing restrictions and longer delays in matters being set for hearing should be expected.

The Court requests that members of the Bar appearing in pending cases with self-represented litigants advise such litigants of the content of this order.

To the extent they may be inconsistent, the prior General Orders Regarding Coronavirus Disease entered by this Court, are hereby SUPERSEDED.

As conditions change and other issues are brought to the Court’s attention, revisions of this order may be issued.

The Clerk is ORDERED to post a copy of this order at the entrance to the Courthouse. The Court has sent a copy of this order to the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association and the Virginia Beach Bar Association for distribution to its members.

ENTER: June 9, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael C. Rosenblum". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

MICHAEL C. ROSENBLUM-Chief Judge