

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE

IN RE: THIRD ORDER REGARDING ADDITIONAL COURTHOUSE SECURITY, HEALTH, AND SAFETY MEASURES DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY

On May 15, 2020, the Court entered an Order Regarding Additional Courthouse Security, Health, and Safety Measures During COVID-19 Emergency, which is incorporated herein; subsequently, the Court entered a Second Order Regarding Additional Courthouse Security, Health, and Safety Measure During COVID-19 Emergency.

On December 18, 2020, the Supreme Court of Virginia entered a Fifteenth Order Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency in Response to COVID-19 Emergency, directing courts and security personnel to continue to take reasonable measures to prohibit individuals from entering the Courthouse if they answer “yes” to certain questions currently recommended by the Virginia Department of Health. Therefore, it is

ORDERED and DECREED as follows:

In addition to the requirements set forth in this Court’s First and Second Orders Regarding Additional Courthouse Security, Health, and Safety Measures During COVID-19 Emergency, the Sheriff is authorized and shall take reasonable measures to determine and to prohibit individuals from entering the Courthouse if they answer “Yes” to any of the following questions:

- a. Are you experiencing:
 - i. A new fever (100.4° F or higher) or a sense of having a fever;
 - ii. A new cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition;
 - iii. New shortness of breath or difficulty breathing that you cannot attribute to another health condition;
 - iv. New chills that you cannot attribute to another health condition;
 - v. A new sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition;
 - vi. New muscle aches (myalgia) that you cannot attribute to another health condition or that may have been caused by a specific activity (such as physical exercise);
 - vii. A new loss of taste or smell?

b. Have you had a positive test for the virus that causes COVID-19 disease within the past 10 days?

c. In the past 14 days, have you had close contact (being within six feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, or having direct exposure to respiratory secretions) with someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19?

A willful violation of this order may be punished as contempt under Virginia Code § 18.2-456. This order shall be in effect until rescinded by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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12/22/2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Smith', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Randall D. Smith, Chief Judge