

**VIRGINIA:**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF ALLEGHANY, BATH AND HIGHLAND  
COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth continues under a state of emergency declared by the Governor and a judicial emergency declared by the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary that continued precautions be taken to protect the health and safety of all our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court feels it necessary to restate and reinforce its previous orders in effect for the Alleghany, Bath and Highland Courthouses;

It is therefore **ORDERED** that:

- 1) All persons shall wear a mask or other appropriate face covering while in the Courthouse, unless they are medically unable to do so.
- 2) All persons shall be screened before entering the building by the Sheriff's Department using the latest available screening questions from the CDC and the VDH and shall be denied entry if they are deemed to be at risk for exposure to COVID-19.
- 3) Any employee who is exhibiting symptoms or who has tested positive shall not be allowed access to the Courthouse for 14 days from the onset of symptoms or positive test and shall otherwise follow the advice of their healthcare provider and the VDH.

4) Any employee who has had close contact with a person or who has a member of their household exhibiting symptoms or with a positive test shall not be allowed in the Courthouse for 14 days from their last exposure and shall otherwise follow the instructions of their health care provider and the VDH.

5) Any employee exhibiting symptoms, having a positive test, or having close contact with a person who has shall immediately notify their department head. The department head shall immediately notify the Circuit Court Judge and County Administrator of the situation (but shall protect the privacy of the individual) so that appropriate steps may be taken to mitigate the exposure.

6) Any employee visiting an area with widespread community transmission (HOT SPOT) shall not be allowed in the Courthouse for 14 days from their return. Hot Spots will be determined by the Circuit Court Judge and/or the County Administrator. Myrtle Beach and Horry County South Carolina have currently been designated as a Hot Spot.

This order shall remain in effect until further modified by the Court; shall be distributed to all offices within the Courthouse and posted at each entrance.

**ENTERED: This 8<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020**

  

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**EDWARD K. STEIN, JUDGE**