

**VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT DECLARATIONS OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**  
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1	EMERGENCY ORDER	Date of Order	11/9/2020	10/19/2020	9/28/2020	9/11/2020	9/4/2020	8/20/2020	8/7/2020	7/29/2020	7/8/2020	6/22/2020	6/22/2020	6/8/2020	6/1/2020	5/6/2020	5/1/2020	4/22/2020	3/27/2020	3/16/2020
2	EMERGENCY ORDER	Declares State of Judicial Emergency	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES
3	EMERGENCY ORDER	Emergency Dates	11/23/2020 - 12/13/2020	11/2/2020 - 11/22/2020	10/12/2020 - 11/1/2020	NA	9/21/2020 - 10/11/2020	8/31/2020 - 9/20/2020	8/10/2020 - 9/7/2020	8/10/2020 - 8/30/2020	7/20/2020 - 8/9/2020	6/29/2020 - 7/19/2020	6/22/20 - 6/28/20	6/8/20 - 6/28/20	6/8/20 - 6/28/20	5/18/20 - 6/7/20	3/16/2020-5/17/2020 or later if further extended by Court	through 5/17/2020 - 3/16 - 5/17/20 is "Period of Judicial Emergency"	4/6/2020-4/26 2020	3/16/2020 - 4/6/2020
4	EMERGENCY ORDER	Courts to enter orders to implement judicial emergency order from VASCT	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
5	EMERGENCY ORDER	This order trumps previous orders	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
6	DEADLINES	Tolling of statutes of limitations, other than statutory speedy trial in criminal cases, ENDS - tolling period is 3/16/20 to 7/19/20 (appellate rules detailed also)	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
7	DEADLINES	Toll statutes of limitations and case-related deadlines EXCEPT discovery deadlines	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
8	DEADLINES	Toll deadlines in trial courts, different rules for appellate courts	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	NO	NO
9	DEADLINES	Toll all Deadlines for 21 days	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	YES	YES
10	DEADLINES	Explanation of tolling procedure	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	YES	NO	NO
11	UNLAWFUL DETAINER	Residential unlawful detainer and writs of eviction UNRELATED TO FAILURE TO PAY RENT can go forward	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
12	UNLAWFUL DETAINER	Residential unlawful detainer and writs of eviction suspended and continued	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	YES (extended only until 9/7/2020)	YES (4-3 ruling by court)	NO	NO	NO	YES IN PART	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
13	UNLAWFUL DETAINER	Continue all non-emergency matters including warrants in debt, unlawful detainers, garnishments, and writs of eviction - determination of urgency in discretion of court	NO	NO	NO	NA	N	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	YES	YES (no discretion re: incarcerated def'ts and ongoing juries)	NO
14	PROCEEDINGS	All Non-Essential / Non-Emergency court proceedings suspended	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	YES
15	PROCEEDINGS	Continue all civil, traffic, and criminal matters - judges' discretion re: ongoing jury trials and incarcerated defendants	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	YES	NO	YES
16	PROCEEDINGS	Preference for video conferencing and telephone hearings, but in-person non-emergency matters ok if safe to do so and comply with OES guidance	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
17	PROCEEDINGS	OK to hear non-emergency matters in trial court discretion by audio-visual communication	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES	NA	YES	NO	NO
18	PROCEEDINGS	Give precedence to emergency matters	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES	NA	YES	YES	NO
19	PROCEEDINGS	Continue ceremonies unless in discretion of court ok to do by audio-visual	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	NO	NO
20	PROCEEDINGS	Continue all ceremonies	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	YES	YES
21	PROCEEDINGS	Liberal continuances related to COVID impact	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO

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22	PROCEEDINGS	All proceedings conducted remotely if allowed by law and liberal leave to participate remotely.	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	YES	YES
23	PROCEEDINGS	No more than 10 people at remote sites	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	NO	NO
24	PROCEEDINGS	Limit all courtroom attendance to atty's, parties, necessary witnesses and press	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	YES	YES
25	PROCEEDINGS	Consider COVID 19 when considering incarceration	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	NO	NO
26	PROCEEDINGS	Judges to exercise discretion with grand jury scheduling	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
27	JURY TRIALS	Approval of jury plan per Court order does not affect tolling of statutory speedy trial deadlines	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
28	JURY TRIALS	Create Jury Task Force to figure out how to resume jury trials and require circuit courts to develop plan	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
29	JURY TRIALS	Suspend all civil and criminal jury trials	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
30	JURY TRIALS	For jury trials that can't be continued, excuse jury service for COVID-at-risk jurors	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	YES	YES	YES
31	JURY TRIALS	Suspend new juror orientations	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	YES	NO	YES
32	FILINGS	Accept electronically signed / scanned signature documents	YES	YES	YES - emphasize filings by email and fax to be accepted	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
33	FILINGS	Require e-filing if available	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	YES	YES
34	COURT FUNCTION	Summons in lieu of capias for failure to appear	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	NO	NO	NO	NA	YES	YES	YES
35	COURT FUNCTION	Courts and Clerks remain operational	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NO
36	COURT FUNCTION	Mandatory facemasks with court exceptions under limited circumstances	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
37	COURT FUNCTION	Require people with court business to contact clerk for accommodations if in high-risk CDC category	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES
38	COURT FUNCTION	Consult with locality and sheriff about signage to prevent certain individuals from entering courthouse	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES
39	COURT FUNCTION	Bar certain at-risk individuals from entering courthouse	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES
40	COURT FUNCTION	Consult with sheriff to prohibit congregation at courthouse and enforce social distancing	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	YES	YES
41	COURT FUNCTION	Permit additional policies by chief judges	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	YES	YES
42	COURT FUNCTION	Keep Clerk's offices available including use of drop boxes if not available in person	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	YES	NO
43	SPEEDY TRIAL	Courts to make criminal speedy trial determinations and requirements on case by case basis	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	YES (not explicit but implied)	NA	YES	YES	NO
44	SPEEDY TRIAL	Statutory Speedy trial deadlines tolled during judicial emergency	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	NA	YES	YES	YES	YES (retroactive to first declaration)	NO	NO	NO