

# Commonwealth of Virginia



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## Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Franklin P. Backus Courthouse  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22314

To: All Practitioners and Court Users in the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

From: Chief Judge Constance H. Frogale  
Presiding Judge Thomas K. Cullen

Date: April 3, 2020

Re: Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Response to COVID-19 Emergency

Effective April 3, 2020, to be consistent with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia's *Order Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency in Response to COVID-19*, the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (JDR) will follow this extension order and implement the guidance stated therein.

The JDR Court and Clerk's office shall remain operational and provide services as required by law while, at the same time, maintaining protections for the health and safety of court users and personnel.

Essential and emergency cases, as defined in the Supreme Court's Order, are being heard. Emergency matters can arise from any type of case over which this court has jurisdiction, including (but not limited to) criminal cases, protective order cases, emergency child custody or child protection cases, or protection of vulnerable persons.

For all hearings or matters in emergency and essential cases, the attorneys and public are encouraged to participate via telephone conference call procedures, if appropriate and practical. Video conferencing for advisement of rights in adult and juvenile cases has been implemented for individuals being held.

### **JDR CLERK'S OFFICE:**

**The Clerk will continue to take court filings by fax transmission, mail, or in person for emergency and essential filings. All non-emergency and non-essential filings can be via mail or via fax transmission.**

**The Clerk's Office will continue to provide full services and answer questions to assist all court users during operating hours from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. Please be sure to contact the clerk for any questions, especially if there are questions regarding the court's response to the COVID-19 emergency.**

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