

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF NORFOLK

In re: JURY TRIALS IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:

CR19-499	CR20-893	CR17-139	CR19-2499
CR19-2713	CR19-2693	CR19-357	CR19-2551
CR20-863	CR19-2437	CR20-261	CR19-2656
CR19-2283	CR20-377	CR20-471	

CONTINUANCE ORDER

As recited in detail in the Governor's Executive Order effective Monday, December 14, 2020, our region and the Commonwealth at large are experiencing alarming increases in COVID-19 case counts, positivity rates, and hospitalizations. The expected post-Thanksgiving surge in cases has been realized, and experts predict that this December holiday season will lead to even more coronavirus spread than Thanksgiving.

Virginia courts remain subject to the Period of Judicial Emergency, which commenced on March 16, 2020 and has been extended through January 3, 2021, by the Fourteenth Order of Judicial Emergency entered by Chief Justice Lemons on December 3, 2021.

This Court has been approved for resumption of jury trials and has safely concluded many civil and criminal jury trials since receiving authorization in August of 2020; however, the deteriorating pandemic conditions warrant a brief suspension to coincide with the period of the Governor's Executive Order.

Therefore, all jury trials scheduled for the month of January 2021 are hereby CONTINUED. Counsel are directed to coordinate another date with opposing counsel and provide a signed continuance order to that effect, to the Court, to avoid placement of their cases on the to be set docket.

The Clerk is DIRECTED to send a copy of this Order to all counsel of record in the above cases.

Enter: 12/14/2020


Mary Jane Hall, Chief Judge