

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ARLINGTON COUNTY

IN RE: CRIMINAL CASES REGARDING)
JURY TRIALS AND COVID-19) MISC. CR20-297-05

ORDER SETTING STATUS DATES

WHEREUPON this came before the Court *sua sponte* in response to the Virginia Supreme Court's Sixth Order Modifying and Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency in Response to Covid-19 issued on June 22, 2020;

IT APPEARING to the Court that the June 22, 2020 Order suspends all jury trials in the Commonwealth through at least July 19, 2020;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Chief Justice's order requires: "[E]ach chief circuit court judge shall develop a plan for their circuit that describes how and when they will be able to safely conduct jury trials The written plan shall be submitted to the Chief Justice on or before August 17, 2020. No jury trials shall be held in a particular locality until the plan is approved."

The judges of this Court, having reviewed the Chief Justice's order and considered the time required to be able to safely conduct jury trials, develop the requisite plan, and submit it to the Chief Justice for review and approval,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All criminal cases set for trial by jury through August 31, 2020 are now scheduled for a status hearing on those same dates and the jury is not required to be summonsed or appear;
2. The Defendant must be present for the status hearing or if the Defendant is incarcerated in the Arlington County Detention Center, shall appear remotely by Microsoft Teams;
3. Should the parties intend to proceed with any matter other than setting a trial date on the status date, or if they wish to advance a hearing date to address speedy trial or other issues, counsel shall file the appropriate pleadings with the Clerk of this Court and provide a courtesy copy to the Court at cct12.copy@arlingtonva.us; and
4. Should the matter proceed as a status, counsel shall be prepared to select a trial date.

All jury trials scheduled for a date after August 31, 2020 are subject to a further period of suspension if the Declaration of Judicial Emergency is extended or the requisite plan has not been approved by that date.

ENTERED this 30th day of June 2020.



Judge Judith L. Wheat