

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ARLINGTON COUNTY

IN RE: CRIMINAL CASES REGARDING
COVID-19

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MISC. CM20-297-06

ORDER SETTING STATUS DATES

WHEREUPON this came before the Court *sua sponte* in response to the Virginia Supreme Court's Ninth Order Modifying and Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency in Response to Covid-19 issued on August 20, 2020;

IT APPEARING to the Court that the August 20, 2020 Order suspends all jury trials in the Commonwealth through at least September 20, 2020;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the Court submitted its plan for resuming jury trials on August 17, 2020 in conformance with the Sixth Order Modifying and Extending Declaration of Judicial Emergency and that to date the plan has not been approved by the Supreme Court. The Court's June 22, 2020 Order precluded any locality from resuming jury trials until such a plan is approved by the Virginia Supreme Court and that provision has not been modified by the Court's August 20, 2020 order.

Accordingly, the judges of this Court, HEREBY ORDER as follows:

1. All criminal cases set for trial by jury through September 20, 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, 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 must be prepared to select a new trial date.

All jury trials scheduled for a date after September 20, 2020 are subject to a further period of suspension if the Declaration of Judicial Emergency is extended or the requisite plan is not approved prior to that date.

ENTERED this 25th day of August 2020.



Judge Judith L. Wheat