

CIRCUIT COURT FOR CHARLES COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No 2020-06

The Circuit Court for Charles County (“court”) continues to closely monitor state and local responses to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and follow guidance provided by state and local public health agencies and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Due to the outbreak of COVID -19 an emergency exists that poses imminent and potentially lethal harm to an individual who comes into contact with a court or judicial facility or judicial personnel. The COVID -19 emergency requires the court to conduct proceedings using remote and electronic means of communication. It is therefore this 17th day of April 2020;

ORDERED that no person, other than a duly authorized official or employee of the circuit court, shall make or cause to be made a recording of any court proceeding; and it is further,

ORDERED that no person shall relay, transmit, broadcast, or cause to be relayed, transmitted, or broadcast any portion of any court hearing to anyone; and it is further,

ORDERED that no person, other than a duly authorized official or employee of the circuit court, shall have direct access to, or possession of an official electronic recording, except as provided by MD Rule 16-504 or order of the court, and it is further,

ORDERED that any willful violation of this order may be punished as contempt.

/s/ H. James West

H. James West
Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Charles County