

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT \* ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
FOR WICOMICO COUNTY \* PHASED RESUMPTION OF  
STATE OF MARYLAND \* OPERATIONS  
\* 2020-15

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020 Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera issued an Amended Administrative Order on the Progressive Resumption of Full Function of Judiciary Operations Previously Restricted Due to the COVID-19 Emergency which establishes a phased plan for gradually reopening the Courts and outlines operational directives to the courts across the state as the judicial branch continues to monitor the COVID-19 public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Maryland Rule 16-105, the County Administrative Judge is responsible for the administration of the circuit court, including the supervision of employees of the court, implementation and enforcement of all administrative policies, rules, orders, and directives of the Court of Appeals, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the State Court Administrator, and the Circuit Administrative Judge of the judicial circuit, and performance of any other management of the court.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in the undersigned Administrative Judge of this Court, and consistent with the aforementioned Administrative Order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, it is hereby


ORDERED, that effective June 5, 2020, the Circuit Court for Wicomico County hereby adopts and incorporates herein the *Circuit Court for Wicomico County Start-Up Plan Following COVID-19 Emergency Restrictions* (attached hereto); and it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be enforced by the Wicomico County Sherriff's Office deputies assigned to the Courthouse and Court Administration as well as through any other lawful enforcement measure, including contempt proceedings; and it is further

ORDERED, that this Administrative Order shall remain in effect until October 4, 2020 and is subject to extension if circumstances require; and it is further

ORDERED, that this order may be supplemented or modified as conditions may warrant.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020

  
S. JAMES SARBANES  
Administrative Judge  
Circuit Court for Wicomico County