



VIRGINIA BEACH COURTS' CLOSURE POLICY

(Inclement Weather or other Emergencies)



Effective January 11, 2024

POLICY

This is a joint policy of the Circuit Court, the General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, pertaining to the Courts' closings in the event of inclement weather or an emergency.

On the first day of inclement weather or emergency, all Courts will close if the Virginia Beach Public Schools close. If on the first day Virginia Beach Public Schools delay two hours, the Circuit Court will open at 9:30 am. The General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court will open at 10:00 am.

On the second or following days, the clerks and court administrator will discuss whether a two-hour delay or closure is appropriate and confer the same with their respective Chief Judge.

If the schools are not in session, the clerk of each court and the court administrator will discuss appropriate action and confer with their respective Chief Judge.

Closures due to inclement weather or other emergency may vary if the Chief Judges do not find that circumstances merit closure or delay.

The decision of all three courts on a two-hour delay or closure will be posted on viriniabeach.gov and local news channels 3, 10, and 13 by 6:15am.