



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

The Office of the Clerk of Civil and Magistrate Courts will resume full operations beginning Monday, May 18, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Consistent with established social distancing requirements, the Office will be open to the public for all purposes, including the filing of civil complaints and dispossessory affidavits and the filing of answers and other responsive pleadings as allowed by law.

Due to social distancing requirements parties may experience longer waiting times than usual. Individuals are strongly encouraged to wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) while in the Augusta-Richmond County Judicial Center.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we resume the operations of the Office of Clerk of Civil and Magistrate Courts. It is anticipated that courtroom proceedings will resume Monday, June 1, 2020 in a manner consistent with established social distancing requirements.

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