SUPREME COURT
No. 2020-08

EXECUTIVE ORDER

COVID-19 Pandemic Response –
Closure of Noel Judicial Complex and Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal

The Administrative Office of State Courts was recently notified that a law enforcement officer who had entered the Noel Judicial Complex on April 2, 2020 and an employee assigned to the Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal tested positive for COVID-19. To ensure that proper contact tracing and disinfecting may occur in both of those locations, and pursuant to the authority invested in me by § 8-15-2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the following order is hereby issued.

Judicial Buildings – The following judicial buildings shall be closed starting on April 6, 2020 and until further notice:

1. Noel Judicial Complex (Kent County)
2. Rhode Island Traffic Tribunal

All staff assigned to the above-referenced judicial buildings are instructed to consult with their supervisors as to their revised work assignment as of April 6, 2020.

Emergency/Essential Matters – As of April 6, 2020, any emergency/essential matters, as identified in Executive Order No. 2020-04, and/or by any administrative orders issued by the Presiding Justice of the Superior Court, which would have been heard in the Kent, Newport or Washington counties shall be heard by the Superior Court at the Licht Judicial Complex (Providence County).

Any emergency/essential matters, as identified in Executive Order No. 2020-04, and/or by any administrative orders issued by the Chief Judge of the Family Court, the Chief Judge of the District Court, and Chief Magistrate of the Traffic Tribunal, which would have been heard in either of the judicial buildings identified above shall be heard in the Garrahy Judicial Complex (Providence County).

Access to Information – The public is encouraged to seek further information available on the Judiciary's website at www.courts.ri.gov.

Entered as an Executive Order this 5th day of April, 2020.

BY ORDER

/s/
Paul A. Suttell
Chief Justice