

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR DISTRICT THREE—CECIL, KENT,
CAROLINE, TALBOT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES**

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

**TO THE SHERIFFS OF CECIL, KENT, CAROLINE, TALBOT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES,
MARYLAND:**

WHEREAS, Governor Lawrence Hogan has issued a "Proclamation and Declaration of State of
Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency - COVID – 19";

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization ("WHO") and the Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention ("CDC") have declared the COVID-19 outbreak a "public health emergency of international
concern";

WHEREAS, The Court finds that the Governor's Proclamation and the declarations of the WHO and the
CDC, combined with the extraordinary public health emergency presented satisfies the certification
requirements of Maryland Real Property Code Ann, Section 8-401(c)(4);

WHEREAS, the Court finds that light of the Governor's Proclamation and the declarations by WHO and
the CDC surrender of any premises will endanger the health or life of the tenant or any other occupant
of any premises and will be inconsistent with the above-identified actions and public safety protocols
arising therefrom;

WHEREAS, the global pandemic COVID-19 poses an imminent risk to the health, safety, and
welfare of residents in the above counties.

It is hereby **ORDERED** this 13th day of March 2020 that **all eviction orders in CECIL, KENT,
CAROLINE, TALBOT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES are STAYED for an initial period of 15
days, and subject to renewal in 15-day increments, until further notice from this Court.**



Bonnie G. Schneider
Administrative Judge