

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHEROKEE COUNTY  
BLUE RIDGE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF GEORGIA

State of Judicial Emergency  
May 12, 2020

AMENDED ORDER ON PUBLIC ACCESS

This Court, on March 26, 2020, entered an Order on Public Access, related to the State of Judicial Emergency declared by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia. Said state of emergency has been continued and extended by various orders of both the Chief Justice and this Court. In order to protect public health, including the health of court personnel, attorneys, litigants, witnesses, and the general public, the Sheriff of Cherokee County is hereby directed to implement the following temporary security measures at the Frank C. Mills, III, Cherokee County Justice Center.

Courthouse deputies shall continue screening all employees and any other visitors by using an infrared thermometer and the following questions:

Have you or anyone you have been in contact with in the last 14 days, tested positive for COVID 19 or have/has contacted medical professional or otherwise been concerned that you may have been exposed or infected with COVID 19?

Are you currently experiencing or have you experienced any symptoms of difficulty breathing, a persistent cough, or a fever of 100.5 degrees or greater in the past 14 days?

Pursuant to this Order, anyone registering a fever of 100 degrees or more on the infrared thermometer and who answers yes to either question shall be directed not to enter the Justice Center. The person denied entry into the Justice Center shall be instructed by security personnel to call the Justice Center main telephone number (678-493-6100) from outside the courthouse. If said person is seeking to file a pleading or other document, the Clerk of Court shall determine whether such filing can be accomplished through the electronic filing system. If the individual does not have access to the e-filing system, then the Clerk shall accept paper filing. The person filing the pleading shall remain outside the

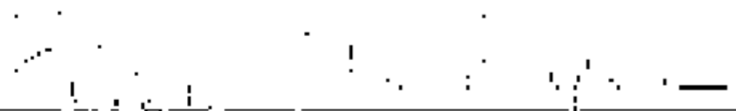
Justice Center while the pleading is being filed; delivery of the paper filing shall be made by a deputy sheriff to the Clerk.

If the person denied entry into the Justice Center is there to attend a hearing as either a litigant, witness, or public spectator, such person shall remain outside the Justice Center while the appropriate judicial chambers is notified by the security staff. The assigned judge is authorized to consider all relevant facts and circumstances and decide whether to admit such person.

Additionally, in accordance with current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Sheriff and his deputies shall require all persons entering the facilities to wear face coverings over their mouth and nose, unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age. Such coverings shall be worn in common areas such as hallways and courtrooms, where social distancing may be difficult to maintain. Individuals are encouraged to bring their own masks or face covering, but the Court will provide them for those who need them.

This Order shall be filed upon the minutes of the Superior Court, posted at the entrances to the Justice Center, and published on the website of the Court Administrator (<https://www.cherokeega.com/Court-Administrators-Office/>). It shall remain in effect throughout emergency period as set forth by the Order of the Chief Justice, and for any extension of said Order.

SO ORDERED, THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2020.

  
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Chief Judge Ellen McElyea  
Superior Court of Cherokee County  
Blue Ridge Judicial Circuit