



# Municipal Court of Ringgold

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## Ringgold Municipal Court COVID-19 Response Plan

Beginning June 15, 2020, the court will resume conducting in-person hearings. Pursuant to the orders of the Supreme Court of Georgia and recommendations of Governor Brian Kemp and the Centers for Disease Control, certain safety measures will be put in place to protect the health and safety of the defendants, court personnel, and public. The following precautions will be strictly followed as an order of the court:

1. One Officer will be stationed directly outside to maintain crowd control if necessary. One City Hall personnel will be stationed directly inside to conduct a health screening which may include answering COVID-19 health screening questions and having one's temperature checked. Hand sanitizer will be provided to everyone entering the building.
2. Anyone with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees will not be allowed access to the building and their hearing will be continued to the next available court date. Their current mailing address and contact information will be obtained and a reschedule notice will be mailed to them on the next business day.
3. Bases on the size of the courtroom, no more than 25 individuals will be allowed to enter the courtroom at a time. The seating will be arranged by court personnel to maintain social distancing requirements. No one can modify the seating arrangements or move the seating without prior court permission.
4. All individuals entering the building will be required to maintain social distancing requirements. This will include, but will not be limited to, remaining 6 feet from any other individual in the building, following all direction from City Hall and Court personnel, and complying with all marking in the building.
5. City Hall personnel will direct how many people can enter the building at one time. If there are more people waiting to enter the building than can be allowed, those individuals will be asked to wait in line while maintaining social distancing procedures.
6. The Court will provide supplies such as pens for all defendants, subject to the availability of those supplies. Each individual is allowed to use their own pen or supplies.
7. Individuals entering the building are not required to wear a mask or face covering; however, one will be provided to anyone who requests it.
8. The Courtroom will be disinfected prior to each court session and directly after each court session.
9. In Order to comply with CDC physical distancing guidelines, the Court asks that only defendants and/or their attorney enter the courtroom. Individuals are asked to contact the Court if they are not able to comply with this request. No one other than the Defendant and the attorney will be allowed int the courtroom.
10. Defendants under the age of 21 may have one parent or guardian attend the court hearing with them.