

IN THE STATE COURT OF MCINTOSH COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**ORDER PERTAINING TO THE REOPENING /RESUMING  
OF COURT FUNCTIONS  
SUBJECT TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

On June 12, 2020, the Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Supreme Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia issued a Third Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency. In the Order Chief Justice Melton provided guidance for the reopening of the various courts of Georgia to resume operations while insuring the public health, safety and welfare. Each Court was assigned the task of developing and implementing specific operating guidelines and submitting those guidelines to the Administrative Office of the Courts for posting as notice to litigants, lawyers, court personnel and the public.

**Pursuant to that Order (attached), the McIntosh County State Court has adopted the Georgia Court Reopening Guide promulgated by the Judicial Council Strategic Plan's Standing Committee and the attached hereto.**

Further, the McIntosh County State Court, in cooperation with the McIntosh County Sheriff's Office, the McIntosh County Board of Commissioners, and the McIntosh County Board of Education has arranged for the use of the McIntosh County Academy Auditorium to be used and designated as a facility to accommodate court sessions that cannot otherwise be facilitated via remote/electronic means and in person appearances (consistent with public health guidelines and of which would impose undue burdens on participants, and court personnel).

All mandates outlined in the Third Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency will be observed and measures will be taken to insure the highest level of safety for participants including the following:

1. All individuals entering the court proceeding shall be evaluated for fever, cough and recent indications of illness.
2. All participants will be expected to wear a face mask at all times while they are in the courthouse or alternate facility, except when the removal is absolutely necessary to properly communicate.
3. All participants shall sanitize their hands prior to entering the courtroom or alternate courtroom.
4. All surfaces, ink pens, tables, chairs, etc. will be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
5. All participants will enter in one door and exit in another.
6. All participants are required to exercise social distancing of 6 feet radius at all times.
7. All court personnel will wear gloves whenever money, documents, and other transactions are required.
8. All participants are required to dispose of masks, gloves, etc. outside the courthouse or alternate facility.
9. All participants required to sign documents shall be issued a one-use pen, or court personnel shall insure that each pen is sanitized after use.
10. Additional safety guidelines shall be posted and observed as the need arises.

It is the purpose of the McIntosh County Courts to provide for safe operations of its court personnel, the general public, lawyers, probation officers, court reporters, and any and all other persons having business in the courthouse or alternate location. Questions and concerns

regarding the health, safety and welfare of anyone entering the courthouse or alternate facility for the purpose of conducting court-related business will be addressed immediately and as efficiently as possible.

Anyone with questions about court proceedings, scheduling, or locations should contact the McIntosh County Clerk of Superior, State and Juvenile Courts at 912-437-1117 or [Carolyn.Palmer@gsccca.org](mailto:Carolyn.Palmer@gsccca.org).

SO ORDERED, this the 21st day of June, 2020.

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C. JEAN BOLIN, CHIEF JUDGE  
MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE COURT

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**AMENDMENT TO  
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The Court's previous order dated June 21, 2020 listed contact information for the McIntosh County Clerk of Court. Please note the updated information is as follows:

Anyone with questions about court proceedings, scheduling, or locations should contact the McIntosh County Clerk of Superior, State and Juvenile Courts at 912-437-6641.

SO ORDERED, this the 223<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.

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C. JEAN BOLIN, CHIEF JUDGE  
MCINTOSH COUNTY STATE COURT