

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF TUNNEL HILL, GEORGIA**

**IN RE: CLOSING OF COURT** : **ORDER 2020-01**  
**PROVIDING FOR PRISONER** :  
**RELEASE** :

**ORDER FOR SCREENING VISITORS APPEARING AT COURT**

To reduce the transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Clerk of Court and the Tunnel Hill Police Department are hereby ordered to take the following actions:

1. To post Coronavirus (COVID-19) warnings and directions for social distancing at the entrance to Court and upon the City's website.
2. To continue any criminal action upon the request of a Defendant or Defendant's counsel due to a positive screening for Coronavirus or exhibiting symptoms of Coronavirus as identified by the CDC and the Georgia Department of Health.
3. To notify the Chief Judge of any request for continuance as outlined above.
4. To provide seating within the Court that complies with the social distancing guidelines of the CDC and the Georgia Department of Health.
5. To require all visitors to Court and court staff to wear an appropriate mask and follow all social distancing guidelines.
6. To conduct coronavirus screening of all visitors to Court and court staff as follows:

- a.) Conduct the screening outside or in a designated area;
- b.) Ask whether the visitor is experiencing fever, any shortness of breath, persistent cough or sore throat, or any other symptoms of respiratory infection, or has experienced such symptoms and is currently subject to Georgia Department of Public Health's Isolation Protocol (or post a notice listing those symptoms in a prominent location);
- c.) Ask whether the visitor has traveled to an area or location with widespread, ongoing transmission of Coronavirus (COVID-19) within the last 14 days, per CDC guidelines, or has been exposed to COVID-19 within the last 14 days;
- d.) Take each person's temperature using a no-touch thermometer;
  - o The persons taking visitors' temperatures should wear gloves, a surgical mask, and a plastic face shield;
- e.) Prohibit entrance by anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher;
- f.) Prohibit any person meeting either the respiratory infection symptoms, travel or exposure criteria, or the temperature criteria from entering the building;
- g.) Provide hand sanitizer and/or face masks for those entering the building;
- h.) Persons prohibited from entering the building shall be given a telephone number or other means to contact court staff regarding alternative means of pursuing critical judicial matters.

This Order shall remain in effect during the pendencing of the Georgia Supreme Court's Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency, and as extended, unless extended by further order of this Court.

So Ordered this 23rd day of July, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Gargandi Vaughn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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G. Gargandi Vaughn  
Chief Judge  
Municipal Court of Tunnel Hill