

**Lakeland Municipal Court  
64 South Valdosta Road  
Lakeland, GA 31635  
229-482-3309**

**John Strickland, Judge  
Morgan Martin, Clerk of Court**

**COVID-19 Response Plan**

Beginning May 20, 2020, the court will resume conducting in-person hearings. Pursuant to the orders of the Supreme Court of a Georgia and recommendations of Governor Brian Kemp and the Centers for Disease Control, certain safety measures will be put into place to protect the health and safety of the defendants, court personnel, and the public. The following precautions will strictly followed as an order of the court.

**Day of Court**

1. There will be two officers stationed outside of the Lakeland City Hall conducting check- in questionnaire and COVID-19 checklist. Signs will be posted in English and Spanish that a security and health screening will be taking place. The screening questions regarding COVID-19 questions will be printed on signs both in English and Spanish for privacy. If they have answered 'YES' to any of the COVID-19 health screenings questions, the individual will be given a continuance.
2. Hand Sanitizer will be placed outside of the building for individuals to use prior to entering the courtroom.
3. All individuals entering the building will be subjected to a temperature check to verify they do not have a fever. Anyone with a temperature higher than 100.4 degrees will not be allowed to enter the building and their hearing will be continued to the next court date.
4. All individuals entering the building will be required to wear a face covering or mask to cover nose and mouth. If the defendant does not have a face mask there will be one provided for them.
5. All individuals entering the building will be required to maintain social distancing requirements. This will include, remaining six feet from any other individual in the building, following all directions from the court personnel. There will only be allowed 10 defendants in the court room at a time. They will enter through one door and exit out the side door. As one exits another one enters and has a seat.
6. The courtroom will be disinfected prior to the court session and areas that are shared by individuals will be disinfected between each person's contacts with that area.
7. The court will provide supplies such as pens for all defendants, subject to the availability of those supplies. All supplies returned to the court will be sanitized immediately.
8. The court room will have hand -sanitizer throughout the courtroom.

9. In Order to comply with CDC physical distancing guidelines, the court asks that only defendants attend court. Individuals are asked to contact the court if they are not able to comply with this request. No one will be allowed in the court beside the defendant.
10. Defendants 21 and under may have one parent or guardian attend the court hearing with them.
11. Probation Officer will take one defendant at a time in the police Department room and after they are finished with each defendant the area will be wiped and sprayed down.

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Judge John J. Strickland