

IN THE JUVENILE COURTS OF THE SOUTHWESTERN JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STATE OF GEORGIA

CORONAVIRUS SAFETY ORDER

Pursuant to the Supreme Court of Georgia's Second Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency, dated May 11, 2020, as amended and extended;

The following guidelines shall apply to all litigants, lawyers, court personnel and the public as it pertains to the Juvenile Courts of the Southwestern Judicial Circuit:

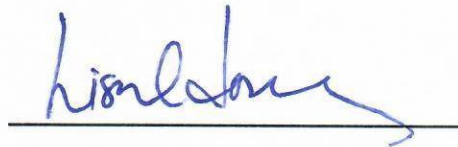
All persons shall be required to follow the best practices promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control, Georgia Department of Public Health, and respective County Health Departments, including the following:

- A. When non-employees of the courthouse attempt to enter the courthouse, they shall be screened by Sheriff's Office personnel who will utilize a thermometer to determine the temperature of the individual and will ask the individuals if they are feeling feverish; have a cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing; or have been in close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19. Individuals whose temperature equals or exceeds 99.6 degrees F and/or who indicate yes to any of these questions will be refused admittance to the courthouse. The screener from the Sheriff's Office shall affix a dated sticker indicating that such non-employee of the courthouse has passed screening. Any non-courthouse personnel who does not have an appropriate "screened" sticker will be re-routed to the front entry of the Courthouse to be screened. Inmates being transported from a jail or youth being transported from a YDC shall also be screened as such.
- B. Masks shall be required to be worn covering the mouth and the nose (not the eyes or other parts of the head) of all persons in the courtroom with the exception of the court reporter, clerk and the judge.
- C. Hand sanitizer shall be available and situated at the entrance to the courtroom, and all individuals are required to clean their hands upon entering and exiting the courtroom with hand sanitizer.
- D. All persons shall strictly maintain social distancing of no less than six feet. Attorneys, probation officers and any other parties shall arrange their interaction areas of the courthouse so as to ensure the minimum distancing is kept, and the Court shall allow such interactions as necessary to take place inside and outside the courtroom.
- E. The Sheriff's Deputy assigned to the courtroom during hearings shall be responsible to ensure the wearing of masks in the courtroom and shall ensure that all individuals entering the courtroom shall as well sanitize their hands with hand sanitizer and shall ensure they do the same upon exiting the courtroom.

- F. Special instructions for high risk individuals (if feeling unwell, are over the age of 65, have been around someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus, or have a preexisting health condition) in need of accommodations: contact the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office. You will be required to provide information about your condition. Documentation may be required.

Any person who willfully fails to abide by this order may be held in contempt by the Court under penalty of law.

So ordered this 18th day of May, 2020.



Lisa C. Jones
Juvenile Court Judge for the
Southwestern Judicial Circuit

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DEPUTY CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT
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