

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF JENKINS

IN THE JENKINS COUNTY PROBATE COURT

ORDER ESTABLISHING OPERATING GUIDELINES FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, Chief Justice Harold D. Melton entered an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency on March 14, 2020. Thereafter, Justice Melton amended and extended the Statewide Judicial Emergency until May 13, 2020. The Order was subsequently extended until June 12, 2020. On July 10, 2020, Justice Melton entered an Order extending the Statewide Judicial Emergency until August 11, 2020. In addition to extending the Judicial Emergency, the recent Order requires each Court to enter an order establishing operating guidelines that meet certain requirements.

In order to comply with the August 11, 2020 Order, the following protective measures will be in effect for the Probate Court of Jenkins County until modified or removed:

1. Each person entering the Probate Court shall abide by Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidelines as promulgated by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), and the local governing authority.
2. No individual actively infected with COVID-19, as determined by diagnosis or positive test, will be allowed to enter the Probate Court.
3. No person who knows that they have had contact, within the previous 14 days, with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 shall be allowed to enter the Probate Court.
4. Any individual working in the Probate Court who is known or suspected to have COVID-19 shall immediately be isolated. Additionally, any individual who has been exposed to COVID-19 such that infection is likely shall be quarantined in accordance with the DPH Seventh Amended Administrative Order for Public Health Control Measures, a copy of which is attached to this Order.
5. If there is reason to believe that anyone who works or has visited a court facility has been exposed to COVID-19, the local health department shall be notified, and notification of persons who may have been exposed shall be reported as directed by the local health department.
6. Each person entering the Probate Court shall be subject to a health screening by security personnel, which may include the use of equipment to obtain no-contact body temperature readings. Anyone with a temperature over 100 degrees will not be admitted to the Probate Court.
7. Each person entering the Probate Court should refrain from any physical contact with other individuals, including handshakes, elbow bumps, or any other such physical greetings or gestures. Additionally, to the extent possible, all individuals are strongly encouraged to limit physical contact with doors and other surfaces.

8. In-person business is restricted, and entry to the Probate Court is by appointment only.
9. Each person entering the Probate Court shall wear a face mask/face shield.
10. No cash payments are accepted.
12. The Probate Court shall be sanitized before and after each proceeding or appointment.
13. Seating in the Probate Court will be situated to allow a minimum of 6 feet of space between each individual.
14. Video conferencing will be used as much as reasonably possible.
15. The scheduling of all in-court hearings will be time-spaced in order to maintain proper physical distancing.
16. Probate Court Standard Forms can be obtained at georgiacourts.gov/probate or by making a written request to the Court. Forms requested from the Court will be mailed.
17. Pleadings and documents may be filed by mail or personally delivered with an appointment.
18. Marriage applications shall be processed by appointment only. Before making an appointment, applicants must complete the Georgia Marriage License application form at www.georgiaprobaterecords.com/marriage/marriageapplication. If unable to access a computer, call the Probate Court and an application will be mailed.
19. Weapons Carry License shall be processed by appointment only. Before making an appointment, applicants must complete the Weapons Carry License application at www.georgiaprobaterecords.com. If unable to access a computer, call the Probate Court, and an application will be mailed. If required, fingerprinting will be completed by at the Jenkins County Sheriff's Office located at 124 Magnolia Drive Millen, Georgia 30442.
20. Orders to Apprehend shall be processed by calling the Probate Court.
21. If the State or local government authority adopts additional or stricter requirements, said requirements shall take precedence over those set forth herein.

For additional information or to make an appointment please call the Jenkins Count Probate Court at 478-982-5581.

So ordered this 21st day of July, 2020



Wanda P. Burke
Probate Judge
Jenkins County, Georgia



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**STATE OF GEORGIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
SEVENTH AMENDED¹ ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH CONTROL MEASURES**

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, Governor Brian P. Kemp issued Executive Order 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia due to the impact of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Georgia General Assembly concurred with Executive Order 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health State of Emergency has been extended through and including July 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the number of cases of COVID-19 in the state of Georgia continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 presents a severe threat to public health in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease that is transmitted primarily through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes; and

WHEREAS, although the vast majority of Georgians are complying with public health recommendations and guidance for the isolation of persons with symptoms of COVID-19, I have received reliable reports that a small number of persons may be behaving in a way that contributes to the spread of this disease in the community; and

WHEREAS, I have determined that it is necessary and appropriate to require persons who:

- have received a positive lab-confirmed test for COVID-19, or
- are suspected to have COVID-19 based on symptoms recognized by the CDC,
or
- have been in close contact with a person with known or suspected COVID-19

to isolate or quarantine themselves at home, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, reduce the number of people who will become infected, and avoid unnecessary strain on Georgia’s healthcare system.

¹ This Fourth Amended Administrative Order amends and supersedes the prior Orders issued on March 21 and 23, April 3 and 15, May 5 and 12, and June 2, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 31-2A-4(4) and 31-12-4, Chapter 511-9-1 of the Rules of the Georgia Department of Public Health (“Department”), and Governor Kemp’s Executive Orders,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

Isolation

1. *Persons With Known COVID-19.* Upon notification by a healthcare provider, public health official, or clinical laboratory of a positive laboratory-confirmed test for COVID-19, the person testing positive for COVID-19 shall immediately isolate himself or herself at home or another location approved by the Department.
2. *Persons With Suspected COVID-19.* Upon notification by a healthcare provider or public health official that COVID-19 infection is diagnosed or suspected based on symptoms, the person with suspected COVID-19 infection shall immediately isolate himself or herself at home or another location approved by the Department. As of the date of this Order, the CDC recognizes the following symptoms of COVID-19 infection: fever (a measured temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or a feeling of feverishness), chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
3. Each isolated person shall avoid unnecessary physical contact with any and all persons and shall comply fully with the Isolation Protocol attached to this Order, which may be updated from time to time based on CDC guidance.
4. Each isolated person shall remain in isolation until such time as he or she no longer presents a risk of infection to the public, as determined by the Isolation Protocol then in effect. As of the date of this Administrative Order, the Isolation Protocol requires an isolated person to remain in isolation until either:
 - the person’s fever has been gone for at least seventy-two (72) hours, without taking fever-reducing medication, and
 - the person’s other symptoms have shown progressive improvement, and
 - at least ten (10) days have elapsed from the date symptoms began,

or

 - for a person who was placed under home isolation due to a laboratory-confirmed positive test result, but who has

experienced no symptoms of COVID-19, until at least ten (10) days have elapsed since the date of the person's first positive diagnostic test.

5. Isolated persons should monitor their symptoms and seek prompt medical attention if worsening symptoms develop, as instructed in the Isolation Protocol. An exception to the requirement for isolation applies in the event of an emergency, such as a fire or natural disaster, or if the person's health condition worsens and he or she requires treatment in a healthcare facility.
6. Each isolated person shall cooperate with state and local public health personnel by answering questions as necessary to identify and locate those persons with whom the isolated person has been in close contact (within six (6) feet for fifteen (15) minutes or more) beginning two (2) days before symptoms began or, for isolated persons who have experienced no symptoms of COVID-19, beginning two (2) days before the test sample was obtained. If requested by public health personnel, the isolated person shall provide a list of the locations visited by the isolated person during the time frame that he or she may have been able to transmit the disease.

Quarantine

7. *Persons With COVID-19 Exposure Likely to Result in Infection.* Upon notification by a healthcare provider, public health official, or isolated person of exposure to COVID-19 based on close contact (within six (6) feet for fifteen (15) minutes or more) with a person who must be isolated as provided herein, the person so exposed shall immediately quarantine himself or herself at home or another location approved by the Department.
8. Each quarantined person shall remain at home or in the approved quarantine location for a period of fourteen (14) days from the person's last known exposure to COVID-19. An exception to the requirement for quarantine applies in the event of an emergency, such as a fire or natural disaster, or if the person requires treatment in a healthcare facility. Health care providers, emergency medical services workers, first responders, and other critical infrastructure workers may continue to work, in consultation with their workplace occupational health program and if necessary to ensure adequate staffing, so long as they are asymptomatic, don masks while on duty, and comply with all other quarantine requirements for the duration of the fourteen (14) day period.
9. During the period of quarantine, the quarantined person shall take his or her temperature twice per day and monitor any symptoms of respiratory illness. If at any time the quarantined person experiences symptoms of COVID-19, including cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever (a measured temperature

over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or a feeling of feverishness), chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell, the quarantined person shall be considered a person with suspected COVID-19 and shall follow the requirements for isolation set forth above.

Staff members of the Department remain available at 866-PUB-HLTH (866-782-4584) to provide assistance and counseling to persons subject to this Administrative Order concerning their illness or exposure and their compliance with this Order. During the period of isolation or quarantine, the ability of persons subject to this Order to communicate with others outside the isolation or quarantine site, including their ability to exchange confidential communications with legal and medical advisors of their own choosing, will be preserved and facilitated to the extent possible without jeopardizing the integrity of the isolation or quarantine.

Failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor offense pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-5-8. If the Department has reasonable grounds to believe that a person subject to quarantine or isolation refuses to comply with the requirements of this Order, the Department may provide information to law enforcement as necessary to ensure compliance and facilitate criminal prosecution.

Further, any person who refuses to isolate or quarantine himself or herself as required by this Order may be subject to such further action as may be necessary to protect the public's health.

This Administrative Order shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days following the end of the Public Health State of Emergency declared in Executive Order 03.14.20.01 and as extended thereafter.

SO ORDERED, this 16th day of June, 2020.



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Commissioner
State Health Officer

Attachment:
Georgia Department of Public Health Isolation Protocol