

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TREUTLEN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

COURTROOM GUIDELINES FOR TREUTLEN COUNTY

Due to the ongoing public health state of emergency declared by the Governor of Georgia and in accordance with the Orders of Statewide Judicial Emergency declared by the Chief Justice of the Georgia Supreme Court and for the benefit of the public health, the business of the Courts of Treutlen County will be conducted on a limited basis subject to the guidelines set forth herein. Unless a departure from these guidelines is authorized by the then presiding Judge, all persons entering the Courthouse shall comply with the following guidelines:

1. All courtroom proceedings are open to the public; however, we would ask that those attending be limited to only those who are interested in the proceedings going forward at that time. Any and all persons, including attorneys entering the courtroom shall practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of approximately six (6) feet from others. All persons sitting in the audience of the courtroom will sit only in those spaces designated as seating spaces.
2. All persons who enter this courthouse shall use hand sanitizer on the way into the courthouse. Hand sanitizer will be available at the entrance to the courthouse. All persons entering the courthouse will be screened by the bailiffs or courthouse deputies. All persons wishing to enter the courthouse shall truthfully answer and respond to the questions asked. Further, all persons wishing to enter the courthouse shall provide identification for contact tracing purposes and submit to a temperature scan if requested.
3. On days in which any Court is in session, all persons entering the courthouse will enter through the main entrance. All persons entering a courtroom shall enter and exit as directed by each courtroom's signs or the courtroom baliff. Mingling of persons in the common hallways is prohibited.
4. The wearing of a mask in the courthouse is required in public areas unless otherwise directed by the judge in courtroom proceedings.
5. Any person exhibiting the symptoms of illness or who has had contact with person within the past 14 days or who are medically fragile will be excluded from the business/courtroom setting and should contact the office of the judge of the court requiring his or her presence in advance. Any person required to appear for any court who does in fact exhibit symptoms on that date or who is medically fragile shall notify the deputy at the entrance way of the courthouse. That person will provide the deputy with descriptions of his or her condition as well as the business requiring his or her attendance and arrangements will be made with the relevant judge.
6. The courtroom and all common passage ways will be wiped down with disinfectant at least two (2) times a day and more often as cleaning personnel is available.
7. Judicial proceedings may be heard through video conferencing as authorized by the relevant judge. All such video conferencing will not require the presence of the participants in this courthouse. Any participant or attorney for any participant who wishes to arrange for the video conferencing should contact the judge to whom the case is assigned in advance to request such alternate arrangements. Members of the general public who wish to view any proceeding should in advance contact the Clerk of Superior Court at (912) 529-4215 or go to the web site for the Eighth Judicial Administrative District at www.eighthdistrict.org.

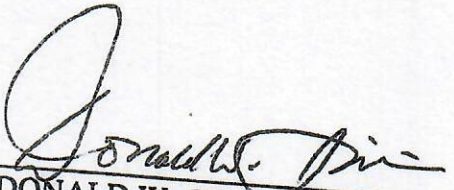
9. All participants shall be required to either cover their mouth and nose with a tissue or mask when coughing or sneezing or use the inside of their elbow. Any used tissue shall be thrown in the trash can followed by immediate hand washing or use of hand sanitizer.

10. Except during Court days, persons wishing to handle business with the Treutlen County Superior, Juvenile, Probate or Magistrate Courts shall contact that Court in advance and set up an appointed time and date for that purpose so as to limit the number of people in those respective offices.

11. Further information regarding the Judicial State of Emergency declaration from the Chief Justice as well as courthouse and/or court access may be found at the web site for the Eighth Judicial District www.eighthdistrict.org and also at the Treutlen County Web site www.soperton-treutlen.org.

Notice of this order shall be posted at the entry ways to the courthouse and available for public viewing. All persons entering the Treutlen County Courthouse shall comply with these guidelines or be subject to the contempt powers of the Court.

So Ordered this 19th day of May, 2020.


DONALD W. GILLIS, Chief Judge
Treutlen County Superior Court

NOTICE

COURTHOUSE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

YOU MUST:

- * FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OF COURTHOUSE DEPUTIES AND BAILIFFS
- * WEAR A MASK IF AVAILABLE
- * ANSWER SECURITY QUESTIONS
- * HAVE TEMPERATURE SCANNED
- * USE HAND SANITIZER AT THE DOOR
- * KEEP A SOCIAL DISTANCE OF 6 FEET FROM OTHER PEOPLE
- * SIT ONLY IN DESIGNATED SPACES
- * EXIT PROMPTLY UPON COMPLETION OF BUSINESS
- * EXCEPT FOR SCHEDULED COURT DATES, CONTACT THE COURT FOR AN APPOINTMENT.
- * GO TO WWW.EIGHTHDISTRICT.ORG IF YOU WISH TO VIEW VIDEO STREAM OF COURT PROCEEDINGS

VIOLATORS MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT. SEE THE ORDER ON COURTROOM GUIDELINES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.