

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF BERRIEN COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER FOR COURT PROCEDURES
DURING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

In accordance with the directives in Chief Justice's currently existing Judicial Emergency Order, the following guidelines shall apply to in-person hearings conducted in the Berrien County Juvenile Court.

1. Specific Hearing Times—All hearings shall be scheduled to begin and end at a specific time. All parties shall remain outside of the courtroom until fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled start time of their hearing.
2. Prior Screening--Before entry into the courthouse, all persons, including security and court staff, must have their temperatures taken and answer relevant health screening questions. Any person presenting a fever of 100.4 or higher, showing symptoms of respiratory infection, or whose answers to screen questions raise the possibility of exposure to COVID-19, will not be permitted in the courthouse.
3. Personal Protective Equipment--All persons in the courtroom must wear a mask at all times. Additionally, gloves are encouraged, but are not required. If a party arrives without a mask, they shall be kept outside of the courtroom until a mask is obtained for them.
4. Social Distancing--Upon entry into the courthouse, social distancing practices must be maintained. Visitors shall remain at least six feet apart from one another at all times. Additionally, seating in the courtroom will be properly marked and restricted to ensure this guideline is being followed.
5. Sanitation--Visitors to the courthouse are encouraged to use hand sanitizer before and after their hearing. Court personnel will also work to ensure that all surfaces are sanitized on a regular basis.
6. Duration--This order shall remain in effect as long as the Supreme Court's Emergency Order is in effect.

SO ORDERED this 12th day of August, 2020.

S. / Mickey Johnson

Mickey Johnson
Judge of the Juvenile Courts
Alapaha Judicial Circuit