

ROCKMART MUNICIPAL COURT
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Beginning August 5, 2020, the Rockmart Municipal Court will resume conducting in-person hearings. Pursuant to the orders of the Supreme Court of Georgia, Center for Disease Control, and the recommendation of CDC guidelines, the court has adopted new safety measures to protect the health and safety of the defendants, court personnel, and the public. These guidelines will remain in effect as long as any judicial emergency order exists. The length and degree of restriction may also depend on what is deemed necessary in the Municipal Court of Rockmart. It is not the intention of the judge or court personnel to impose any restriction for any period of time beyond what is absolutely necessary to ensure the safety of all who enter our court.

Please contact us to make arrangements if you:

- **Are a member of an immune-compromised population or reside in a household with someone who is immune compromised**
- **Are over the age of 65; or**
- **If you have small children and do not have childcare**

The following precautions will be strictly followed as an order of the court:

Procedures

If you have already paid your citation and your offense does not require a “mandatory” court appearance, you do not need to attend court as many traffic violations do not require an appearance. However, if you choose to dispute your charge, it is your right to appear in court. Be advised that bond forfeitures (payment of a fine without court) may impact your driving/criminal history record. Several payment options are available. Fines may be paid in person using a credit/debit (an extra 4% fee will be charged for this service). Also, exact cash payments and money orders are accepted. Citations may also be paid online at www.ezcourtpay.com. Payments may also be mailed to our office. If you are not sure if your charge requires an appearance, please contact our office at 770-684-6558.

Court Day

No friends, family members, or children may enter the courtroom. Only the defendant listed on the citation will be allowed to enter the courtroom. The defendant may also have their attorney present if applicable. Individuals under 21 may be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Court times will be staggered beginning at 1pm on your scheduled court date. In as much, defendants are asked to be on time.

Social distancing of at least six (6) feet shall be maintained at all times.

Upon entering the building, defendants will check in at the front desk by signing their name. At that time, the defendant will be screened via our COVID-19 QUESTIONNAIRE form and may be subject to a temperature check. Defendants who pass screening will provide their telephone number to the front desk clerk and may be asked to wait in their vehicles until their case is called as the **seating in the courtroom will be limited to 25 people**, excluding court staff in effort to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Any defendant who is ill will not be permitted to enter the court. Those who do not pass screening will be asked to contact the clerk's office the following business day to reschedule.

All defendants are required to wear a face mask or cloth covering throughout the duration of their court proceeding. Court personnel shall also wear face mask. Hand sanitizer will be provided. Hard surfaces will be sanitized before and after each court proceeding.

Defendants who require an interpreter for court proceedings, please contact the clerk's office prior to your court date.

IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF ROCKMART
STATE OF GEORGIA



IN RE: Declaration of Judicial Emergency/COVID-19 Screening Questionnaire

Pursuant to the Judicial Emergency declared on March 14, 2020 by Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Georgia Supreme Court and to protect public health of court employees and court users, all visitors entering the courtroom shall respond to the following screening statements (please initial):

- _____ I attest that I have not traveled to a high-risk area or location identified as a "hot spot" of confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) cases within the last 14 days.
- _____ To the best of my knowledge, I have not had contact with a person confirmed or presumed to have coronavirus (COVID-19) within the last 14 days.
- _____ I attest that I have not experienced any difficulty breathing or persistent cough within the last 14 days. I further attest that, within the last 14 days, I have not experienced at least two of the following symptoms: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell.
- _____ To the best of my knowledge, I am not currently experiencing any upper respiratory illnesses accompanied by a fever.
- _____ I affirm that I have not tested positive for the coronavirus (COVID-19) according to a confirmed test from a medical provider or pharmacy within the last 14 days.

Name of Visitor

Date