

**IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF WADLEY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

CITY OF WADLEY

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VS

ALL DEFENDANTS.

JUDICIAL ORDER ON SAFETY MEASURES WITH REGARD TO COVID-19


The Supreme Court of the State of Georgia has issued an Order mandating Operating Guidelines to be implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. As such, the Municipal Court is hereby making safety adjustments for Court hearings. The following safety measures will be implemented beginning August 12, 2020.

1. All individuals entering the building will be ~~required to wear a mask~~, or face covering to cover the nose and mouth, while in the building where the courtroom is located. In the event the person entering the building does not have their own mask or face covering, one will be provided for them. All individuals will be allowed to remove their mask only while addressing the Court or at the direction of the Court.
2. All individuals entering the building will be subjected to a screen of their body temperature to verify that they do not have a fever. Anyone with a fever of 100 degrees plus will not be allowed access to the building and their hearing will be continued for no less than fourteen (14) days.
3. All individuals entering the building will be asked screening questions regarding COVID-19 exposure. All individuals are ORDERED to answer the questions honestly.
4. Anyone who has tested positive for, or is experiencing symptoms of, Covid-19 within fourteen days prior to their hearing date should contact the Clerk of Court for the City of Wadley at 478-252-9401 to ask for a continuance of their hearing. If their case has been continued prior at their request, the Clerk shall have the authority to ask for documentation supporting their illness in order to have their case continued.
5. All individuals entering the building will be required to adhere to the social distancing requirements of remaining six feet from any other individual in the building and shall follow all directions from the Court personal regarding safety concerns, and comply with the markings in the building.
6. The Courtroom will be disinfected prior to the Court session, and areas that are shared by individuals will be disinfected between each person's contact with said area.

7. Each Defendant shall bring their own pen and paper as none will be provided.
8. There shall be no more than Ten (10) people, plus court personnel, allowed in the Courtroom at one time. The seating will be arranged by the courtroom personnel to maintain the social distancing requirements. No modification to the seating will be allowed without the Courts permission.
9. Courtroom personnel or the Wadley Police Department employees will direct how many people are allowed to enter the building at one time. If people are waiting to enter, they must remain six feet apart or they may sit in their vehicle until allowed to enter the building.
10. Hand sanitizer will be available for anyone entering the building and they will be required to use the sanitizer. However, anyone entering the building is encouraged to bring their own sanitizer as the Court's supplies may not last.
11. If a Defendant is between the age of 17-20, one parent may be allowed in the Courtroom with said Defendant.
12. No children will be allowed in the building. Therefore, please make appropriate arrangements for your children.
13. Any employee working in a court facility with known or suspected COVID-19 shall **isolate** in accordance with the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) Eighth Amended Administrative Order for Public Health Control Measures, or any subsequent version thereof. Any employee working in a court facility with COVID-19 exposure likely to result in infection shall **quarantine** in accordance with the DPH Eighth Amended Administrative Order for Public Health Control Measures or any subsequent version thereof. When there is reason to believe that anyone who works or has visited a court facility has been exposed to COVID-19, DPH or the local health department shall be notified by City officials and notification of persons who may have been exposed shall occur as directed by DPH or the local health department.

So Ordered, this the 24th day of June 2020.

Amended Order, this 24th day of August 2020



HON. JOHN J. PILCHER, II
Wadley Municipal Court Judge