

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DAWSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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This 31st day of Dec., 2020

 , Clerk

IN RE: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency *
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Date: December 31, 2020 *

ORDER FOR TEMPORARY HEALTH MEASURES

Pursuant to the powers inherent in the fulfillment of judicial functions, and in light of the continued health threat posed by the COVID-19 coronavirus, including the health of court employees, litigants, court participants, and all individuals, the Sheriff of Dawson County is hereby directed to implement the following temporary security measures at courthouse facilities:

Courthouse deputies shall screen all entrants to the facilities, including employees and elected officials, by using an infrared thermometer. Any person registering a fever above 100.4 degrees shall be denied entry. Additionally, courthouse deputies shall screen all visitors to the facilities by asking the following questions and refusing entry to any person answering yes to either:

- 1) Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19, or been in contact over the last 14 days with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, or been concerned for any reason that you may have been exposed or infected with COVID-19?
- 2) Are you currently experiencing any cough, difficulty breathing, or fever above 100.4 degrees, or have you experienced any such symptoms in the last three days?

Employees shall not be subject to the above questions, but they are reminded of their duties and obligations imposed by this circuit's COVID-19 personnel policies.

Furthermore, in accordance with current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Sheriff and his deputies shall strongly encourage all persons entering the facilities to wear face coverings over their mouth and nose, unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age. A "face covering" includes but is not limited to a cloth or disposable mask, but shall not include masks with holes or vents. Face coverings shall be mandatory in any courtroom, upon entering the Clerk of Court's office, in the public areas on the 3rd and 4th floor floors, and for jurors and prospective jurors for the duration of their service.

These measures shall terminate on Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 11:59 P.M., unless otherwise renewed or amended.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of December, 2020.


Kathlene F. Gosselin, Chief Judge
Northeastern Judicial Circuit