

CENTERVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT

**310 E. Church Street
Centerville, GA 31028**

Centerville Municipal Court COVID-19 Expansion of Services Plan

In response to Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton's "Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency" and subsequent Orders over the past several months, it has been necessary to reschedule all court cases. If your case was impacted by this rescheduling, notice has been mailed to the address on file with the court.

Consistent with Supreme Court Chief Justice Harold Melton's "Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency", our court will resume conducting in-person hearings in July while following the best practices and guidelines developed by the Georgia Council of Municipal Court Judges and that Order. To ensure the safety and health of both the court staff and the public during the current pandemic, the following safety measures will be strictly followed by this court:

Screening/Masks for individuals (including staff) before entering the building:

- Temperature screening will be conducted prior to entering the building. If your temperature is 100.4 or higher, access to the building will be denied and your case will be rescheduled.
- A series of questions will be asked prior to entering the building. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, access to the building will be denied and your case will be rescheduled.
- A mask or face covering is required for all who enter the building for a court session. If you don't have a mask, one will be provided for you.

Maintaining a 6-foot distance:

- Excluding Staff, only 21 people will be permitted to enter the court room at one time. Seating will be designated by Court/Police personnel and shall not be modified.
- Only the Defendant, Defendant's Attorney (if applicable), and/or 1 parent/guardian (if defendant is under 21) will be allowed in the courtroom.
- Individuals will not be allowed to congregate or sit in the waiting or common areas of the Court Building.

Additional protective measures:

- All areas will be sanitized and disinfected prior to and in between court sessions.

- Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout the building. We encourage frequent hand washing and sanitation.
- Only 1 person will be allowed in each restroom at a time. Disinfecting and personal sanitizing supplies will be provided.
- Each designated seat in the courtroom will contain a sanitized pen and the forms you may need for the court proceeding.
- Each group of 21 permitted to enter the courtroom will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. All defendants not permitted into a court session will be required to provide a phone number and wait in their vehicle. Once the building has cleared, court personnel will call each individual to notify that they may proceed to the Court building for screening.