# PAULDING JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF GEORGIA

#### ORDER

WHEREAS, in response to the public health emergency resulting from Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), on March 13, 2020, this Court issued an Amended Order Declaring Judicial Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, this Court issued an Order Requiring Face Masks or Facial Covering for Entry into the Paulding County Justice Center; and

WHEREAS, this Court adopted Paulding Judicial Circuit Coronavirus Health and Safety Guidelines and Guidelines for Resuming Jury Trials; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health State of Emergency declared by the Governor of the State of Georgia, expires at 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency expires at 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Court is authorized to adopt orders or guidelines addressing matters of court operations and management, including, but not limited to, public health precautions within the Paulding County Judicial Circuit;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this Court's Amended Order Declaring Judicial Emergency, Order Requiring Face Masks or Facial Covering for Entry into the Paulding County Justice Center, and Paulding Judicial Circuit Coronavirus Health and Safety Guidelines, and Guidelines for Resuming Jury Trials previously issued or adopted by this Court are hereby VACATED effective 11:59 p.m. on June 30, 2021, and the Paulding Judicial Circuit Coronavirus Health and Safety Guidelines, attached hereto as Exhibit "A," shall become effective at 12:00 a.m. on July 1, 2021;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court Administrator shall post this Order, including Exhibit "A," on the public notification site and in the courthouse;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve a copy of this Order, including Exhibit "A," on the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within this judicial circuit; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall give notice of the issuance of this Order, including, Exhibit "A," on the affected parties, counsel for the affected parties, and the public.

This Order shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

SCANNED

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This 7 day of 7, 20 2!.
Clerk of Superior Court

## SO ORDERED, this 235

Tonny S. Beavers, Chief Judge

Superior Court Paulding Judicial Circuit

C. Bucci, Judge Superior Court

Paulding Judicial Circuit

T. David Lyles, Judge

Superior Court

Paulding Judicial Circuit

#### EXHIBIT "A"

#### PAULDING JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CORONAVIRUS HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

#### 1. VISITORS TO THE COURTHOUSE

Individuals who have been fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine are not required to wear a mask or facial covering in the courthouse. An individual who enters the courthouse without a mask or facial covering is certifying that he or she is fully vaccinated.

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine are strongly encouraged to wear a mask or facial covering in the courthouse.

An individual, whether or not fully vaccinated, who wishes to wear a mask or facial covering while in the courthouse shall be permitted to do so unless directed otherwise by authorized court personnel; however, the judge maintains the ultimate discretion on the wearing of masks or facial coverings in his or her courtroom.

Hand washing or sanitizing is strongly encouraged upon entering the courthouse.

Soap will be available in all restrooms in the courthouse.

Hand sanitizer will be made available in the courthouse.

Masks or facial coverings (such as shields) will be made available for individuals who do not provide their own and wish to wear one.

Gloves will be available in the courtrooms for individuals who handle evidence.

Individuals selected as jurors will be provided with a bag of supplies. If available, these bags will contain gloves, a mask, a small bottle of hand sanitizer, wipes, napkins, etc.

### 2. DO NOT ENTER THE COURTHOUSE IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO YOU

You have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last two weeks.

If you are prevented from attending a hearing or a court proceeding because you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last two weeks, immediately inform your attorney and the Court.

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This 5 day of 700, 2021.

Clerk of Superior Court

#### 3. COURT FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL

Areas and rooms open to the public and to court personnel should be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

In his or her sole discretion, a judge may conduct video proceedings in accordance with the applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations.

Courthouse personnel who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 shall report the diagnosis to his or her supervisor and await instruction from the supervisor before reporting to work.

Facility Accorded in Minute Book 53.
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This 29 day of Superior Court

Clerk of Superior Court