

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY
OGEECHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

In Re:)
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COVID-19 EMERGENCY)
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**ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY
CLOSURE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY JUDICIAL COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that persons present in the Effingham County Judicial Complex and Effingham County Clerk of Court's Office on August 19, 2021, have tested positive for COVID-19;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Effingham County Judicial Complex located in Springfield, Georgia shall be closed for cleaning and disinfection beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 20, 2021. Provided this order is not extended or otherwise modified, the courthouse will re-open for normal operations on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court, or her designee, shall immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Manager, or his designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63 by posting it on the county website or other appropriate public address system.

SO ORDERED this 20th day of August, 2021.



F. GATES PEED
Chief Judge, Effingham County Superior Court
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit

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TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF STATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT
TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT

**ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY
CLOSURE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY JUDICIAL COMPLEX**

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the undersigned that numerous persons present in the Effingham County Judicial Complex and Effingham County Clerk of Court's Office during the prior week, have tested positive for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Effingham County Clerk of Court's office is unable to provide adequate staffing due to COVID-19 exposure;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Effingham County Judicial Complex located in Springfield, Georgia shall be closed beginning at noon on Monday, August 23, 2021. Provided this order is not extended or otherwise modified, the courthouse will re-open for normal operations on Monday, August 30, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court is unable to designate another facility for the transaction of court business. Should the Judicial Emergency extend beyond the closure period indicated above, the Court will make a determination of an available facility for the conduct of court business when it is appropriate to do so; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should a party need to contact the Court to petition for a Temporary Protective Order, Temporary Restraining Order, or other such emergency order, that said party should email jbragg@effinghamcounty.org and they will receive further instruction; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should a party need to contact the Court concerning any other matter, including but not limited to, juvenile, civil, and/or criminal matters that require immediate attention, that said party should email jbragg@effinghamcounty.org and they will receive further instruction; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court, or her designee, shall immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Manager, or his designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63 by posting it on the county website or other appropriate public address system.

SO ORDERED this 23rd day of August, 2021.



F. GATES PEED
Chief Judge, Effingham County Superior Court
Ogeechee Judicial Circuit

Copy: Hon. David E. Nahmias, Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court
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