

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF APPLING COUNTY

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: Declaration of Judicial  
Emergency

Date: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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**ORDER DECLARING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, based upon information received from the Clerk of Superior Court of Appling County there has been a positive test for Covid-19 reported among personnel within the Appling County Courthouse and Superior Court Clerk's Office located in the Annex;

WHEREAS, it has been recommended by the CDC and the Georgia Department of Health that the Appling County Courthouse and Annex be closed temporarily to protect the health and well-being of courthouse employees and the general public having business within said office, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2)(B), a public health emergency;

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED that said public health emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the Courthouse and Annex and there is an immediate need to temporarily close said offices to normal operations during which time the Courthouse and Annex shall be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized pursuant to federal and state guidelines.

Therefore, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Honorable Chief Judge Stephen G. Scarlett, Sr. of the Superior Court of Appling County, Brunswick Judicial Circuit **DOES HEREBY ORDER AND DECLARE** the existence of a Judicial Emergency in Appling County, the nature of this emergency is the potential spread of Covid-19 throughout the Courthouse and Annex and to the general public having business within said buildings.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that the Appling County Courthouse and Annex shall be closed from 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 2, 2021 until 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, when it shall reopen for business. This temporary closure will make access to the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, Magistrate Court, Probate Court and Juvenile Court impossible for the duration of said closure; thus, it is **FURTHER ORDERED** that anyone having court business that requires access to these buildings shall call the following numbers and will be directed accordingly:

Superior Court Clerk's Office: (912) 367-8126 or (912) 367-8111

Magistrate Court Clerk's Office: (912) 367-8116 or (912) 367-8111

Probate Court Clerk's Office: (912) 367-8114 or (912) 367-8111


**IT IS ORDERED** that the Sheriff of Appling County shall post this Order on his public notification site and at the entrance to the courthouse, and the Clerk shall post this on her public notification site.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve Chief Justice David E. Nahmias of the Supreme Court with a copy of this Order, such service to be accomplished via email to Tee Barnes, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Georgia, at [barnest@gasupreme.us](mailto:barnest@gasupreme.us);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall immediately notify and serve a copy of the order on the judges and clerk of all courts sitting within Appling County and on the clerks of the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court, such service to be accomplished through reasonable means to assure expeditious receipt; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the undersigned shall give notice of the issuance of this Order to any affected parties, their counsel, and the public.

SO ORDERED this 1<sup>ST</sup> day of September, 2021 at 2:00 a.m./p.m.

  
STEPHEN G. SCARLETT, SR.  
Chief Judge, Superior Courts  
Brunswick Judicial Circuit