

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BANKS COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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FOURTH AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

BANKS COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT

WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Georgia Supreme Court's issuance of an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency, this Court entered an Administrative Order on July 22, 2020, outlining general procedures for court operations consistent with the Georgia Supreme Court's directives and CDC guidelines in place at that time.

WHEREAS, in response to the authorization from the Georgia Supreme Court to resume jury trials, this Court developed Guidelines for Resuming Jury Trials outlining more specific procedures related to conducting jury trials consistent with the Georgia Supreme Court's directives and CDC guidelines in place at that time.


WHEREAS, the Georgia Supreme Court's Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency expired June 30, 2021 at midnight, and likewise this Court's previously entered Administrative Order, Guidelines for Resuming Jury Trials, and Amended Administrative Order expired in conjunction therewith and were vacated. On July 1, 2021, consistent with the May 16, 2021 guidance from the CDC, this Court entered an order which no longer required face coverings or masks for fully vaccinated persons entering or remaining in the courthouse.

The CDC further amended its guidance and based upon current public health recommendations the Court entered orders August 3, 2021 and September 7, 2021 which provided for the following:

- Every individual shall continue to be screened for COVID-19 upon entry to the courthouse as previously ordered and consistent with CDC guidance.
- All persons entering and/or remaining in the Banks County Courthouse are required to wear a mask or face covering.
- Any presiding judge shall have the discretion and authority to permit any person to remove his or her mask while speaking and such presiding judge shall have the authority to seat and situate participants, (i.e. socially distance) in keeping with public health guidance and best practices.

The provisions of these orders shall remain effective for 30 days unless modified or vacated, and may be further extended.

SO ORDERED this 8th day of October, 2021.



Joseph Booth, Chief Judge
Banks County Superior Court
Piedmont Judicial Circuit