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Taylor Superior Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF TAYLOR COUNTY
CHATTAHOOCHEE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

ORDER DECLARING
COVID RELATED
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

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ORDER DECLARING COVID RELATED JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

The undersigned judicial official, acting under authority of O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60 et seq., hereby declares the existence of a judicial emergency in Taylor County as a result of, COVID-19 exposure and the risk of transmission of this contagious novel disease in the courthouse, such circumstances constituting a public health emergency as defined in O.C.G.A. § 31-12-1.1(2).

The conditions of the public health emergency substantially have endangered or infringed upon the normal functioning of the judicial system and the safety of jurors, litigants, and other persons to have access to the courts;

ACCORDINGLY, upon the request of the Sheriff of Taylor County, Georgia,

IT IS ORDERED that the Taylor County Courthouse located at 2 North Broad Street in Butler, Georgia, shall remain locked during the period of this judicial emergency to control access to the public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Probate Court and Clerk of Superior Court offices and other offices located in the courthouse shall remain open and staffed during legal hours of operation with phone numbers posted at the doors to the courthouse for public use in contacting these offices.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that members of the public visiting such offices shall be greeted and served at the exterior courthouse doors subject to screening procedures as specified by the Sheriff of Taylor County. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Order, nothing herein shall be construed to prevent or change any hearings or trials already scheduled or to be scheduled hereafter, such proceedings to continue without interruption, subject to social distancing, facial covering requirements, contact tracing, temporal scanning and such other safety measures as shall be deemed appropriate by the presiding judge.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall expire on the 27th day of September 2021 at 11:59 p.m. in the absence of further order of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Superior Court Clerk of Taylor County shall file this Order and post said Order on any website maintained by her office to be utilized by the public, attorneys, parties, witnesses, and any other court participant.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff of Taylor County post this Order in a public manner in the affected courthouse location and at each entry point of the courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be served upon the judges and clerks of all courts sitting within the jurisdiction affected, such service to be accomplished through reasonable means to assure expeditious receipt; and it is

SO ORDERED, this the 27th day of August, 2021.



Bemon G. McBride, III
Chief Judge of Superior Court
Chattahoochee Judicial Circuit