

FILED
JUL 22 PM 1:23

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

STANDING ORDER FOR COURT PROCEDURES
DURING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY

CLERK'S OFFICE
JUVENILE COURT
FULTON CO. GEORGIA

In accordance with the Fourth Order Extending Declaration of Statewide Judicial Emergency entered July 10, 2020, by the Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, the Juvenile Court of the Atlanta Judicial Circuit, County of Fulton hereby adopts the following operations guidelines for in-court proceedings to protect the health of litigants, lawyers, judges, court personnel and the public. The purpose of this Standing Order is to provide for the health and safety of all persons attending court or working in the Juvenile Justice Center while protecting an individual's constitutional rights to confrontation and providing public access to judicial proceedings. These measures continue to remain necessary until the current health crisis, known as COVID-19, has abated and the Georgia Supreme Court Statewide Judicial Emergency Order has been terminated.

Admission into the Judge Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center

1. Pursuant to CDC guidelines, all employees and members of the public SHALL wear a face mask or face covering, (defined as one that covers only the nose and mouth with fabric or filter material), when entering the Juvenile Justice Center and shall continue to wear such face mask or face covering at ALL times while in the Juvenile Justice Center.
2. All persons shall be screened upon entering the Juvenile Justice Center including submission to having their temperature measured by a touch-less thermometer.
3. All persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19, who have been exposed to COVID-19 within the last 14 days, or who are experiencing a temperature of 100.4 (fever), cough or other symptoms according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), SHALL NOT be permitted into the Juvenile Justice Center. (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>)
4. In the event, a member of the public is NOT permitted, the Deputy Sheriff/Security Staff shall contact the specific court for which attendance is mandated or Court Administration and inform said contact person that the individual is unable to attend due to screen criteria.
5. If the individual is mandated by subpoena or summons to appear, the individual should refer to the information provided at the entrance or stated on the court notice to contact the appropriate court and request further instructions regarding future court attendance.
6. Any person with health limitations, which make them especially vulnerable to COVID-19, should call the telephone number provided on the court notice

or contact the court at (404) 612-4402 or (404) 612-4419 to discuss the scheduling of their case.

Conducting business in the Judge Romae T. Powell Juvenile Justice Center

1. All persons MUST wear a face mask or facial covering AT ALL TIMES while in the public areas of the Juvenile Justice Center.
2. For individuals who do not have a court appearance but are accompanying a family member or friend, it is strongly encouraged that they consider not entering the Juvenile Justice Center. Vulnerable persons who are at higher risk for severe illness, and children are strongly discouraged from entering the Juvenile Justice Center unless said person is party to a case.
3. All persons are strongly encouraged to avoid bringing any unnecessary items into the Juvenile Justice Center in order to minimize the possibility of creating infectious surfaces.
4. All persons in the Juvenile Justice Center should comply with social distancing, stay at least six feet from all other persons (except those with whom you are related or with whom they traveled to the court) to the extent practicable, and should not gather with other persons or obstruct the entrance or exits of the Juvenile Justice Center.
5. Persons shall not board elevators with other persons except those with whom they are related or with whom they have traveled to court and all are invited to use hand sanitizer where provided.
6. All persons shall follow signage for social distancing of a minimum of six feet apart while standing or seated in public areas, except for seating designated for family groups or those who have traveled together.

Admission into Courtroom

7. Upon entering and leaving the court room hand sanitizer will be offered for the safety of all persons.
8. All persons shall follow the directives given by Sheriff's Deputies and/or Court Staff with respect to seating and social distancing. Seating will be permitted in designated areas of the courtroom.
9. When notice is given that the court room has met capacity and a non-party requests entry, the presiding judge can provide accommodations to include, but not be limited to: entry, viewing remotely, etc.
10. All persons must wear a face mask or facial covering AT ALL TIMES while in the court room, absent further direction of the presiding judge in each courtroom. (ex: for testimony or other purposes as permitted by the Court).
11. Persons who have completed their business with the court, or who are present for observation only are able to remain if space permits. If space is limited, said persons will be directed to an overflow viewing area so that

other persons with business before the Court may be provided seating within the courtroom.

Isolation and Quarantine

Due to the judicial emergency, the court operations have employed special procedures to minimize the health risk for all and has incorporated the Georgia Court Reopening Guide guidelines as part of the operations plan.

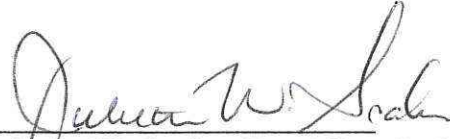
1. The Court shall require **isolation** of any persons with known or suspected COVID-19 and **quarantine** of any persons with COVID-19 exposure likely to result in infection, in accordance with CDC guidelines and the Fulton County Department of Health.
2. When there is reason to believe that anyone who works in or has visited the Juvenile Justice Center has been exposed to COVID-19, Fulton County Department of Health shall be notified and notification of persons who have been exposed shall occur as directed by the Fulton County Department of Health.

Inherent Power of the Court

The operations plan shall not be construed to limit the inherent power of the court. Each assigned judge may direct and control their respective cases and those persons before them in their courtroom as they deem necessary for the administration of justice.

This Standing Order shall incorporate the COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Fulton County Juvenile Court filed July, 10, 2020 and shall be in effect until further modification, extension or termination.

So Ordered, this 20th day of July, 2020.


Juliette W. Scales, Presiding Judge
Atlanta Judicial Circuit
Fulton County Juvenile Court