

PAULDING JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CORONAVIRUS HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

1. ALL VISITORS:

All visitors **MUST** wear a face mask.

Upon entering, you will be asked to complete a brief safety questionnaire and submit to a temperature check.

Also upon entering, please clean your hands. This can be done at one of the hand sanitizer stations located on each floor, or you can proceed to a restroom to wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Avoid touching your eyes, mouth, and nose

Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue to cover it, then discard the tissue

Stay at least 6 feet apart from others

2. DO NOT ENTER IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO YOU:

If any of the following apply to you, please do not enter. If this prevents you from attending a hearing, please inform your attorney or the Court immediately.

You have been diagnosed or exposed to anyone with Covid 19/Coronavirus within the last two weeks

You are experiencing sickness, headache, sore throat, chills, or shaking

You are experiencing muscle pain

You have a fever

You have a cough, shortness of breath, or trouble breathing

You have persistent pain or pressure in the chest

You are experiencing confusion

You have bluish lips of face

You have recently developed a loss of taste or smell

3. IF YOU ARE HIGH RISK:

Persons at high risk of severe illness from Covid-19 (including those who are 65 or older, live in a nursing home or long-term care facility, have an underlying health or medical condition, have severe obesity, or have other conditions considered to place them at high risk) should:

1. Consider requesting a videoconference hearing rather than an in-person hearing, or
2. Request special protections/accommodations while in court

4. COURT PERSONNEL:

Rooms open to the public should be clean and disinfected regularly.

Frequently touched items must be disinfected regularly.

Should the occupancy of any area reach the point that people cannot remain at least 6 feet apart, inform the presiding judge or sheriff's office personnel immediately

Report to the presiding judge or sheriff's office anyone having the symptoms listed below under Section 2

Personally follow all guidelines listed herein above.

Only one case at a time shall be handled in each courtroom.

With regard to anyone who works in the courthouse, the Court requires isolation of any person with known or suspected Covid-19 and quarantine of any person with Covid-19 exposure likely to result in infection.

Exhibit “A”
to
Order Requiring Face Masks or Facial
Coverings for Entry into the Paulding County
Justice Center

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF PAULDING COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

**ORDER REQUIRING FACE MASKS OR FACIAL COVERINGS FOR ENTRY INTO
THE PAULDING COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER**

WHEREAS, the Governor has determined that a Public Health State of Emergency exists in the State of Georgia due to the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19, and whereas the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has determined that the state of emergency constitutes a "judicial emergency" pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60 et seq., see O.C.G.A. § 38-3-60(2), and whereas this Court has adopted the Paulding Judicial Circuit Coronavirus Health and Safety Guidelines which are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit "A."

Now therefore, it is hereby ordered effective Monday, July 6, 2020, that all persons visiting the Paulding County Justice Center, including vendors, contractors, litigants, attorneys, courthouse staff, and other members of the public shall be required to wear face masks or facial coverings over their noses and mouths during their visits to common or public areas of the justice center, including entryways, hallways, lobbies, courtrooms (except as specifically directed by the presiding judge), and common office areas. In addition to completing temperature screenings and the Sheriff's Courthouse COVID-19 Health Checklist to allow entry to the justice center, the Sheriff shall not permit entry to the justice center to any person who is not wearing a face mask or facial covering over their nose and mouth. Any visitor seeking entry without a face covering, who is unable to supply their own face covering, may be offered a disposable mask at the security screening checkpoint.

Although the public is encouraged to avoid unnecessary in-person trips to the justice center, including bringing small children to the justice center, per CDC Guidelines, face masks or facial coverings are not required or recommended on children under the age of 2 years.

This temporary action is taken in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to further safeguard the health and safety of everyone visiting and working in the justice center. This entry requirement and the Paulding Judicial Circuit Coronavirus Health and Safety Guidelines will remain in place for the duration the public health state of emergency, statewide declaration of judicial emergency, whichever is later, or until further order of the court.

So ORDERED this 2nd day of July, 2020.



Tony S. Beavers, Chief Judge
Superior Court of Paulding County
Paulding Judicial Circuit

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COURTHOUSE COVID-19 HEALTH CHECKLIST

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Please initial by the following statements and answer questions:

1. I attest that I have not traveled to a high-risk area or location identified as a "hot spot" of the confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) within the last 14 days.

2. To the best of my knowledge, I have not come in contact with a person confirmed or presumed to have coronavirus (COVID-19) within the last 14 days. _____
3. Do you have a fever or chills? YES _____ NO _____
4. Do you have any FLU like symptoms? YES _____ NO _____
5. To the best of my knowledge, I'm currently not experiencing a persistent cough, difficulty breathing or currently have any upper respiratory illnesses accompanied by a fever. _____

The above answers are accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Signature: _____

*** * * * * DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE * * * * ***

Does the individual have a fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit?
YES _____ Temp: _____ NO _____

Allowed to enter Justice Center for essential court business: YES _____ NO _____

Employee Signature: _____ Badge # _____