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## **Statewide Judicial Emergency Declared, Troup County Non-Essential Court Postponed**

**Troup County, Ga. March 16, 2020** – In order to protect the health, safety, and liberty of all citizens in this state amid the growing concerns due to the spread of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the Honorable Harold D. Melton, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Georgia, ordered and declared a Statewide Judicial Emergency in the State of Georgia on Saturday, March 14, 2020, affecting all courts and clerk’s offices in the state as it relates to all judicial proceedings.

All non-essential court functions have been suspended for Troup County, effective March 16, 2020; therefore, the county encourages citizens who currently have scheduled proceedings to consult with their attorneys before reporting to the Troup County Government Center. For those in the community who may not have an attorney, please consult the chambers of the Judge assigned to the case for further direction.

Due to the risk of potential infection from the increasing health concerns associated with COVID-19, the county seeks to limit the amount of people entering the Government Center as well as the Juvenile Courthouse to protect those who work in or are required to appear in our courts. All court systems will continue to handle emergency matters in a timely manner.

At this point, all non-essential court is postponed until after April 13, 2020, and all cases will be re-noticed for a later court date. For additional questions, the District Attorney’s Office, the Troup County Solicitor’s Office, the Troup County Clerk of Court’s Office, Troup County Court Services, or the Judge’s Chambers will be available to answer questions related to the postponed court functions during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM.

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