

TROUP COUNTY STATE COURT
STATE OF GEORGIA

CORONAVIRUS SAFETY ORDER

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Pursuant to Georgia Supreme Court Order declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency dated March 14, 2020, as amended and extended:

Beginning May 18, 2020, Troup County State Court, Judge Jeannette L. Little presiding, will conduct in-person court. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, social distancing will be enforced at your court date. Following are important instructions for your court appearance. Failure to follow these instructions may result in adverse action against the case, parties, and/or counsel. Counsel and parties without attorneys (pro se parties) are responsible for reading and following these instructions.

All persons shall be required to follow the best practices promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control, Georgia Department of Public Health, and Troup County Health Department, including the following:

All persons entering the building will be screened at the front information desk by a Sheriff's Deputy in a manner consistent with the recommendations of Federal, State and local health agencies, including asking pertinent health-related questions and taking your temperature. If you have a cough or fever or are otherwise experiencing symptoms of sickness or have been around someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you have an affirmative duty to disclose this information to court personnel. You may be denied entry to the building based on your response to the questions or your temperature.

If you are feeling unwell, are over the age of 65, have been around someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, or if you are someone with a pre-existing health condition, contact the Judge's office at 706-883-1727 upon receipt of this notice and ask to be excused. Please be sure to leave a return phone number and your name if you do not reach someone by calling this number. You will be required to provide information about your condition. Excuses will be liberally granted and your case rescheduled to another date. With the Court's approval, in limited circumstances, documentation may be required.

All persons will be required to wear protective face masks upon entering the building. Masks shall cover the mouth and nose, not the eyes or other parts of the head, and shall be worn by all persons in the courtroom with the exception of the court reporter and Judge. You are encouraged not to bring any non-essential persons with you, especially children, as courtroom space will be very limited.

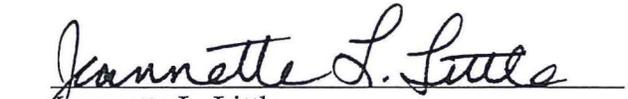
Hand sanitizer shall be available and situated on every floor of the courthouse located at the elevators. Parties are required to clean their hands upon entering and exiting each floor of the courthouse.

All persons shall strictly maintain social distancing of no less than six (6) feet. The Solicitor, Public Defender, private attorneys, probation officers, Clerk's office staff, and any other parties shall arrange their interaction areas of the courthouse so as to ensure the minimum distancing is kept and the Court shall allow such interactions as necessary to take place outside the courtroom.

You (or your attorney, if you have one) is encouraged to call the prosecutor before your court date. If you do not yet have an attorney and you would like one, you are encouraged to contact the public defender's office at 706-883-3000 to apply. The prosecutor will be happy to speak with you or your attorney to attempt to resolve your case prior to court, which may result in your not having to appear. The Troup County Solicitor's Office number is 706-883-1726.

Any person who willfully fails to abide by this Order may be held in contempt by the Court under penalty of law.

SO ORDERED this 12th day of May, 2020.


Jeannette L. Little
Judge, State Court of Troup County