

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DAWSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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IN RE: COVID-19 Judicial Emergency

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Date: May 4, 2020

AMENDED ORDER MANDATING TEMPORARY SECURITY MEASURES

Pursuant to the *Order Extending Judicial Emergency* entered in this court on May 4, 2020, and in order to protect public health, including the health of court employees, parties, court participants, and all individuals, the Sheriff of Dawson County is hereby directed to implement the following temporary security measures at courthouse facilities:

Effective immediately, courthouse deputies shall continue screening all employees and any other visitors by using an infrared thermometer and asking the following questions:

- 1) Have you or anyone you have been in contact with in the last 14 days, tested positive for COVID 19/Coronavirus, or have/has contacted a medical professional or otherwise been concerned that you may have been exposed or infected with COVID 19?
- 2) Are you currently experiencing or have you experienced any symptoms of difficulty breathing, a persistent cough, or a fever of 100.5 degrees or greater in the past 14 days?

Pursuant to this Order, anyone registering a fever on the infrared thermometer and anyone who answers yes to either question shall be directed not to enter the courthouse.

Additionally, in accordance with current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Sheriff and his deputies shall strongly encourage all persons entering the facilities to wear face coverings over their mouth and nose, unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or where the individual is under two years of age. Such coverings shall be made available to employees and visitors, and should be worn in common areas, including hallways and courtrooms, where social distancing may be difficult to maintain.

Any person denied entry pursuant to this Order is instructed to call the office of the on-duty judge or the office of the department they are seeking to visit, and make arrangements to conduct their business without coming into the courthouse. Any employee denied entry is instructed to immediately call their department head. These measures shall remain in place until either further Order of this Court or until the end of the judicial emergency.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 4th day of May, 2020.



Kathlene F. Gosselin, Chief Judge
Northeastern Judicial Circuit