

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF CHATHAM COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

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Declaration of Judicial Emergency]
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CHATHAM COUNTY, GA.

ORDER

Pursuant to the Judicial Emergency declared on March 14, 2020 by Chief Justice Harold D. Melton of the Georgia Supreme Court and adopted by this Court on March 15, 2020 and to protect public health, including the health of court employees, parties and court participants, all individuals, including courthouse employees and employees of agencies or departments located within the courthouse, who enter the Chatham County Courthouse shall be asked the following questions:

- (1) Have you traveled to a high risk area in the last fourteen days?
- (2) Have you had contact with anyone confirmed to have COVID-19/coronavirus in the last fourteen days?
- (3) Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the last fourteen days:
 - (a) Fever of 100 degrees or greater;
 - (b) Difficulty breathing; or
 - (c) Persistent cough?
- (4) Are you currently experiencing fever of 100 degrees, difficulty breathing or cough?

Any individual responding yes to two or more of the above-referenced questions shall be directed not to enter the courthouse and to call the office or the on-site judge's office they are attempting to access so that they may conduct their business without coming into the courthouse. If the individual is an employee of any agency or department located within the courthouse, that individual shall immediately return home and thereafter call their supervisor to report the event. In addition, anyone exhibiting symptoms of illness as witnessed by the Court or Chatham County Sheriff's Office may be directed to handle their business in the above-described manner¹:

The Chatham County Courthouse remains open.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of March, 2020.



Penny Haas Freesemann, Chief Judge
Superior Court, Eastern Judicial Circuit

cc: Chief Justice, Georgia Supreme Court
All Judges and Clerks of Court
District Attorney
Chairman Chatham County Commission
News media
Sheriff John Wilder

¹ Upon the Court obtaining access to an infrared thermometer, the Chatham County Sheriff's Office is permitted to test for temperature at their discretion and close other entrances to the courthouse as needed.