

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE DISTRICT COURT

In light of the continuing, but lessening, restrictions on public activities brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and in an effort to preserve the health of persons attending court proceedings, the Court **ORDERS**, that:

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1. All non-evidentiary hearings involving inmates in jail facilities shall be conducted by WebEx. If an attorney chooses to participate in person **it is the attorney's responsibility to bring an electronic device** allowing them to be seen and heard by the incarcerated individual.
2. At all hearings where either the attorney or a participant in the hearing wishes to appear by WebEx **it is the attorney's responsibility to provide a means to their client** to communicate with them during the course of the hearing.
3. In all civil and criminal cases where hearings do not require testimony, the parties shall schedule the hearing for a telephone or WebEx hearing unless the Court otherwise orders. The moving party shall inform the Court whether the parties will utilize the telephone system or WebEx in advance of the hearing.
4. Unless otherwise authorized by the Court, all persons (except staff) seeking entry to or occupying the Hall County Courthouse shall wear a face covering or mask, scarf, or other device completely covering and concealing their noses and mouths ("mask"), and such masks must be continuously worn by those persons during the time they are in the courthouse; and


Any visitor seeking entry to the Hall County Courthouse without a mask will be provided a mask and if a mask is unavailable for any reason, the Sheriff will suspend entry to the district court until the visitor contacts the office to be visited to explore alternate accommodations with district court. All parties entering the district court must wear a mask unless otherwise directed.

All persons seeking entry to the Hall County Courthouse shall be administered a temperature check and shall be denied entry if they refuse to have their temperature checked or have a fever of 100 degrees or higher.

5. No more than ten persons may occupy the courtroom at any time (not including court personnel).

6. Except as modified by this Order the prior Administrative Orders of the Court relating to the COVID-19 pandemic remain in effect. This Order and the other Orders will be reviewed and extended or withdrawn on or before June 15, 2020.
7. The Hall County Sheriff's Office is authorized to deny admission or remove any person from the courthouse who is not in compliance with any of the terms of this Order.

BY THE COURT:



MARK J. YOUNG
Presiding District Judge