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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE
STATE OF GEORGIA

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FAYETTEVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT

ORDERS ESTABLISHING PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

DURING PANDEMIC EMERGENCY

J. A. Cowley
6/9/2020

As a result of the viral pandemic currently existing, and in contemplation of the potential transmission of Coronavirus/COVID 19, and for the protection of court users and staff, the Court hereby enters this Order, which shall remain in effect until further notice.

1.

All visitors, upon entering the courthouse in connection with a court session will have his or her temperature taken with a non-touch thermometer. Entrance shall be prohibited with regard to anyone with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher. Such person shall be given contact information for court officials.

2.

Pursuant to this Court's Order, all visitors entering into the courtroom shall be subject to the screening statements and requirements set out in this Order.

3.

Face masks shall be worn by all persons appearing for a court session. Masks will be provided for any court user who appears for a court session without a mask. Hand sanitizer will also be provided. Hard surfaces in the courtroom area will be wiped down before and after all court proceedings.

4.

Social distancing of six (6) feet shall be maintained at all times.

5.

In order to ensure proper social distancing, courtroom seating shall be arranged so that no less than six (6) feet of distance is maintained at all times.

6.

The Court will place shields at the following locations: podium; counsel's table for both Solicitor and the Court Appointed Attorney; Probation Officer's desk; Clerk of Court desk; and the Judge's bench.

7.

Only parties, counsel, and witnesses shall be allowed to enter the courtroom and adjacent areas. Parents of defendants under twenty-one (21) years of age will also be allowed to enter. The Court encourages that, when possible, arrangements for child care be made before coming to court. All Court proceedings will be available via live feed on Facebook.

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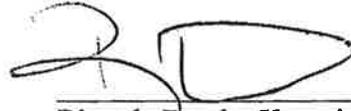
All visitors who are members of a vulnerable population (such as persons over age 65, individuals with serious underlying health conditions such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised, such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring therapy) are encouraged to bring that to the attention of the Court prior to any court appearances so that reasonable alternatives to appearing in person can be explored.

9.

The Clerk of Court is directed to post this Order at the entrance of the Courthouse

and on the Court's website.

SO ORDERED this 5th day of June, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a triangular shape.

Rhonda Bender Kreuziger
Chief Judge, City of Fayetteville Municipal Court