

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

MAY 15 2020

A. J. Allen
CLERK JUVENILE COURT

**SECOND STANDING ORDER REGARDING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES
PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA ORDERED STATEWIDE
JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

The following policies and procedures are ordered to do our best to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the families, attorneys and court personnel during this Statewide Judicial Emergency. The Supreme Court of Georgia has extended the Statewide Judicial Emergency until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, June 12, 2020.

The Juvenile Court of Forsyth County remains open to the public as required by law. However, during this period of heightened precautions due to COVID-19, the Court is requiring the following for anyone who appears in person at court for a proceeding:

Any person who is present at the Juvenile Court for a hearing, they must abide by current public health guidelines as set forth below –

- Persons must practice social distancing and remain at least six (6) feet from any other persons unless those persons reside in the same household. Upon request, attorneys needing to consult privately with their clients will be provided a private conference room to do so where social distancing and privacy can both be maintained
- The occupancy of the courtrooms will be limited to 15 people (excluding the judge, case manager and court clerk) and social distancing will be enforced in the courtroom
- All visitors to the court will be subject to screening to include no-contact taking of temperature, cough, fever and exposure to COVID-19
- All visitors will be required to wear a mask while in the common areas and in the courtroom. Masks can only be removed when addressing the court. Visitors should bring their own masks, but masks will be provided to those who do not otherwise have access to a mask.
- The court will provide hand sanitizer at multiple locations in the courthouse
- Tables, chairs, and the gallery of the courtroom will be cleaned and disinfected regularly on court days.

The Juvenile Court is still requesting that due to the above safety guidelines that parties and attorneys only bring essential persons, such as witnesses, to court for proceedings and help limit the number of people attending the proceedings.

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The Juvenile Court will continue to utilize Microsoft Teams videoconferencing to conduct remote hearings during the judicial emergency. Attorneys who object to conducting a hearing via videoconferencing will need to do so in writing so that the assigned judge can consider the objection and work with the parties on scheduling the matter.

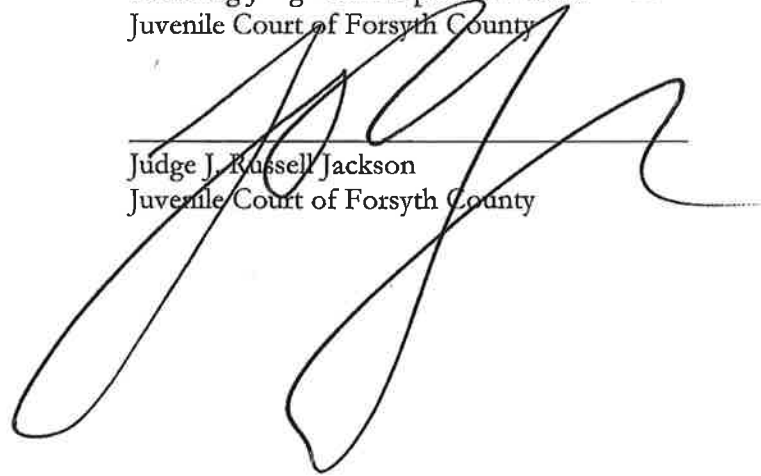
The judges of this Court have the discretion to continue, reset or otherwise reschedule any matter as is deemed appropriate.

This order shall be in effect Friday, May 15, 2020 through Friday, June 12, 2020 and may be extended if the Statewide Judicial Emergency is extended.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of May, 2020.



Presiding Judge Christopher W. Willis
Juvenile Court of Forsyth County



Judge J. Russell Jackson
Juvenile Court of Forsyth County