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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA

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Clerk of Superior Court

Fulton County, Georgia

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ORDER AMENDING COURTHOUSE SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR ALL CLASSES OF COURTS

THIS ORDER SUPERSEDES ALL PREVIOUS COVID-RELATED ORDERS

Fulton County Courts continuously adhered to the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Georgia Department of Public Health throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Staying up to date on vaccinations, according to the CDC, remains the best way to stay healthy. As we move beyond the initial pandemic, recognizing the availability of vaccines and updated guidelines, I am amending this Order to follow the current recommendations provided by the CDC¹ while allowing the courts of this Circuit the flexibility to establish more stringent safety guidelines for their individual courtrooms and administrative offices.

THE 2024 COVID-19 GUIDELINES ISSUED BY THE CDC EMPHASIZE SEVERAL KEY POINTS TO ENSURE CONTINUED HEALTH AND SAFETY

- **Vaccination:** Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations is crucial. The CDC recommends that everyone aged 5 years and older receive one dose of an updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against serious illness from COVID-19. It is further recommended that those who are 65 years and older, or are immunocompromised, receive additional doses.
- **Reducing Transmission When Sick:** If you exhibit respiratory illness symptoms such as fever, chills, coughing, runny nose and headache, it is important to stay home and avoid contact with others. The CDC provides specific guidelines on how long to isolate based on symptom severity and duration. For instance, staying home until 24 hours after a fever

¹ Staying Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines | COVID-19 | CDC

subsides without medication and symptoms are getting better overall, and then taking precautions once normal activities resume such as masking, physical distancing and/or testing when you will be around other people indoors is advised.

- **High-Risk Populations:** Those at higher risk for severe illness should seek healthcare immediately if they start to feel sick. Early intervention can prevent severe disease.
- **General Preventive Measures:** The CDC advises everyone to take precautions when feeling unwell, such as avoiding large gatherings and contact with high-risk individuals, even if the exact virus causing the symptoms is unknown.

For more detailed and specific guidelines, you can visit the [CDC's Website](#) where they regularly update their recommendations based on the latest data and research.

MANAGING EFFECTIVELY IN THE COURTS

Throughout the pandemic, the judiciary consistently prioritized the safety of patrons and court staff. While the risk of COVID-19 infection remains, it can now be managed effectively without the need for statewide directives from the Judicial Council of Georgia and Supreme Court.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that individual, courthouses, and judges are encouraged to continue utilizing video appearances and hybrid court formats as appropriate, based on the discretion of individual benches and judges.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Personal Protection Equipment (“PPE”), to include but not limited to disposable mask, gloves, and hand sanitizer, be readily available for any individual who requests it.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that benches and presiding judges may continue to implement procedures that best serve their specific locations, including requiring masks in their

courtrooms, social distancing and other procedures deemed necessary by that individual judge or bench.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of August 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ural Glanville', written over a horizontal line.

THE HONORABLE URAL GLANVILLE
CHIEF/ ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE
SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY
ATLANTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT