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**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA**

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AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

JAMIE W THOMAS, CLERK


WHEREAS, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Georgia Supreme Court's issuance of an Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency, this Court entered an Administrative Order on July 22, 2020, outlining general procedures for court operations consistent with the Georgia Supreme Court's directives and CDC guidelines in place at that time.

WHEREAS, in response to the authorization from the Georgia Supreme Court to resume jury trials, this Court developed Guidelines for Resuming Jury Trials on December 4, 2020, outlining more specific procedures related to conducting jury trials consistent with the Georgia Supreme Court's directives and CDC guidelines in place at that time.

WHEREAS, the CDC guidelines related to resumption of activities without wearing facial coverings or physical distancing has been updated and continues to develop since the entry of the Administrative Order and Guidelines for Resuming Jury trials. In anticipation of the upcoming expiration of the state-wide judicial emergency in conjunction with information provided by the Georgia Supreme Court and the CDC guidelines, the Court hereby AMENDS its Administrative Order and Guidelines for Resuming Jury trials as follows:

- Every individual shall continue to be screened for COVID-19 upon entry to the courthouse as previously ordered. Every individual shall be required to properly wear a face covering as they enter the courthouse and to continue to wear such face covering until such time as they are addressed by the presiding Judge. It is anticipated that fully vaccinated attendees will be permitted to remove face coverings once the presiding Judge addresses attendees.
- The capacities of Courtrooms One (1), Two (2), Three (3) shall be adjusted to provide for a maximum capacity of fifty individuals (50) each, inclusive of court staff; the capacity of Courtroom (4) shall be adjusted to provide for a maximum of twenty five (25) individuals, inclusive of court staff.
- Each judge presiding over a trial or proceeding shall have the authority to deviate from the administrative order and guidelines for resuming jury trials provided that trial is conducted in a manner consistent with the CDC guidelines.
- For the purpose of Veterans Court graduation on Friday, June 25, 2021, Courtroom capacities (including the Jury Assembly Room and Atrium) are not in effect.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of June, 2021.



Joseph Booth, Chief Judge
Jackson County Superior Court
Piedmont Judicial Circuit