

MUSCOGEE COUNTY STATE COURT
COVID 19 Judicial Emergency Schedule
Updated Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 2:08 PM

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TRAFFIC & MISDEMEANOR DIVISION

Solicitor-General 706 225 4327
Clerk of Court 706 225 4368

CIVIL DIVISION

Clerk of Court 706 225 4361
Judge Prather 706 225 4318
Judge Richardson 706 225 3480

For court dates postponed during the state of emergency, notice of the new court date for traffic and other misdemeanor cases will be mailed to the address shown on your bond. If your address changed during the emergency, please call 706 225 4327.

If you have symptoms of an upper respiratory infection, are over the age of 65, have a preexisting medical condition which places you at higher risk for respiratory complications or have been around someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus, contact the Solicitor-General's Office upon receipt of your notice and ask to be rescheduled. You will be required to provide information about your condition. Excuses may be granted, and your case rescheduled. In some circumstances, documentation may be required.

STATE COURT JUDICIAL EMERGENCY SCHEDULE:

CRIMINAL

- All court sessions scheduled for January & February, 2021 in the Civic Center have been postponed.
- Small criminal dockets are scheduled commencing on February 11, 2021 in the Columbus Consolidated Government Center Courthouse. The dates and times set for February 2021 are: • Feb 11th (Thursday) 10AM (10 cases) 11AM (10 cases) • Feb 12th (Friday) 9AM (10 cases) 10AM (10 cases) 11AM (10 cases) • Feb 18th (Thursday) 10AM (10 cases) 11AM (10 cases) • Feb 19th (Friday) 9AM (10 cases) 10AM (10 cases) 11AM (10 cases) • Feb 25th (Thursday) 10AM (# cases tbd) 11AM (# cases tbd) • Feb 26th (Friday) 9AM (# cases tbd) 10AM (#cases tbd) 11AM (# cases tbd)
- Jail Pleas, preliminary extradition inquiries and other essential criminal matters are being held via teleconferencing. Courtrooms are open to the public but seating is limited because of social distancing requirements. Live streaming may available as follows.
- Division 1, Richardson: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5-rldgsovceDg3rLreHWtg>
- Division 2, Prather: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zRed8lC2cYs>

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DPH Guidelines to Prevent Spread of COVID-19

Potential Guidelines for Courts

- Deep clean entire building
- Increase cleaning and disinfection after each day
- Offer multiple sessions to accommodate social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Do not hand out paper-based information
- Provide hand sanitizer
- Encourage elderly and medically fragile individuals to stay home
- Encourage only the person required for court to attend (*hospitals have a NO guest policy*)
- Ensure that everyone is wearing a mask (provide masks for those who don't have one)
- Mark floors as a visual cue for social distancing
- Remove/arrange furniture to support social distancing
- Keep an online meeting option
- Use a screening tool to screen everyone entering the building for exposure to a COVID-19 positive patient, or any symptoms of the virus or illness
- Screen everyone for fever
- Post signs about non-contact greetings
- Limit bathroom use and control the number of users at one time

[STANDING ORDER FOR COURT PROCEDURES DURING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY](#)