

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF GUILFORD

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE  
SUPERIOR AND DISTRICT  
COURT DIVISIONS

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

REGARDING COVID-19 SAFETY PROCEDURES  
FOR THE EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

This Administrative Order covers the safety protocols and procedures that are being implemented at the entrances to the Guilford County Courthouses, beginning July 7, 2020.

The wearing of masks will be mandatory for all persons. If persons seeking admittance to the courthouse do not have a mask, one will be provided for them. Any persons who refuse to wear a mask will not be allowed to enter the courthouse. Those persons who have medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask, such as asthma or COPD, will be allowed to enter upon showing a letter from a health care provider that confirms they should not be required to wear a mask.

Upon entering the courthouse, all persons will be administered a non-invasive temperature check. If any person is discovered to have a fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater, that person will be retested after a five-minute interval. If the person still registers a fever of 100.4 or greater, that person will be denied admittance.

All persons will be asked three questions by security staff:

- 1) *Have you experienced any COVID-like symptoms during the last 14 days?*
- 2) *Have you been exposed or had direct contact with any persons who tested positive for COVID-19 during the last 14 days?*
- 3) *Have you traveled outside the State of North Carolina during the last 14 days?*

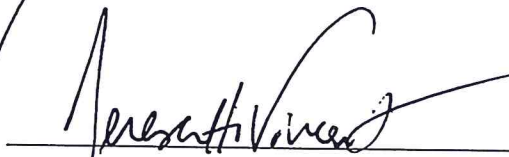
If the answer to any of the three questions is “yes,” then upon further questioning, the individual may be denied permission to enter the courthouse.

Only those persons who have a specific reason for entering the courthouse, such as criminal defendants, witnesses who must testify in a court proceeding, victims, or those persons who have specific business with the office of the Clerk of Court will be allowed admittance. Friends or family of persons appearing in court who would ordinarily be allowed to observe the court proceedings will not be allowed to enter but must wait outside the courthouse.

Access to the courthouse entrances other than the main entrances may be restricted without notice and all persons, including attorneys, employees of the Clerk of Court, and judicial staff may be required to use the main entrances to gain admittance to the courthouse.

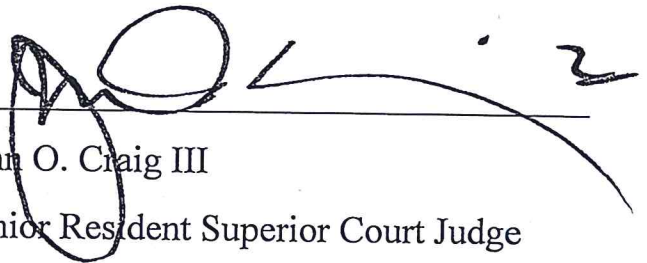
This Administrative Order may be amended by the Court at any time if conditions change.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.



Teresa H. Vincent

Chief District Court Judge



John O. Craig III

Senior Resident Superior Court Judge