

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

IN RE: }
ADM2020-00428 }
 } **GENERAL ORDER: 05/17/2021**
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GENERAL SESSIONS JUDICIARY }

GENERAL ORDER REGARDING
COURT OPERATIONS

In compliance with Tennessee Supreme Court (TSC) Order ADM2020-00428, originally issued March 13, 2020, the Knox County General Sessions Court (KCGSC) filed a “reopening plan” with the TSC to comply with the requirements of -00428 and its subsequent revisions and modifications.

On Friday, 05/14/2021, the TSC again modified ADM2020-00428 to ease social distancing requirements from six feet to three feet between persons, lift courtroom capacity requirements, and lift the requirement to wear facial coverings. In addition, the 05/14/2021 modification to ADM2020-00428 permitted Tennessee courts to modify their approved reopening plans and also continued to encourage Tennessee courts to conduct business by means other than in-person court proceedings when practicable to do so, stating, “[Telephone, teleconferencing, email, video conferencing or other means that do not involve in-person contact] should be the preferred option over in-person court proceedings to competently, promptly, and diligently perform judicial and administrative duties.” (*See* 05/14/2021 ADM2020-00428 pg. 2, at 5.)

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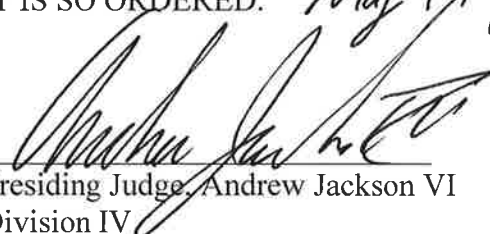
Based on the above revisions and permissions from the Tennessee Supreme Court, and following the recommendations contained within current CDC guidelines, Knox County General Sessions Court (KCGSC) hereby modifies the approved reopening plan as follows:

1. Social distancing is modified from six feet to three feet between persons.
2. Masks are no longer required, however, continued use of facial coverings in compliance with current CDC guidelines is strongly encouraged. Judges retain the discretion to require the use of facial coverings generally or in specific cases, particularly cases involving persons in the courtroom who are at an elevated risk from COVID-19. Any person desiring to wear a facial covering shall be allowed to do so.
3. Pre-screening for COVID-19 prior to entering a courtroom is no longer required.

This Order is subject to revision without further notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 17th, 2021


Presiding Judge, Andrew Jackson VI
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