

WALTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE SAFETY MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO COVID - 19 CONCERNS

In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Walton County Courthouse has instituted new rule to assure public safety in conducting live proceedings in the Courthouse. These are consistent with the directives from the Florida Supreme Court as well as Orders entered by the Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit. A complete list of the PRACTICES and PROCEDURES approved and in place at the Walton County Courthouse may be found on the First Judicial Circuit website www.FirstJudicialCircuit.org

- ✓ All persons entering the Walton Courthouse to attend court proceedings MUST be screened by:
 - ✓ By temperature check (no one with a high fever or persistent cough allowed inside)
 - ✓ All persons entering the Courthouse must wear a mask. Those arriving without a mask will be provided a mask at no charge
- ✓ Social Distancing Measures in Place for Public Safety at the Walton County Courthouse:
 - ✓ All persons MUST maintain 6 FEET of separation from others
 - ✓ All persons MUST cover their face with their arm if sneezing
 - ✓ Elevators MUST have no more than 3 occupants
 - ✓ Stairwells are designated 1 up only (east), and 1 down, only (west)
 - ✓ Chairs in the waiting areas are spaced 6 feet apart
 - ✓ All benches in court rooms are marked with red tape spaced 6' apart
 - ✓ Persons sitting at counsel table must wear masks unless offering testimony
 - ✓ Persons arriving together may sit closer by mutual agreement (i.e., family members)
- ✓ Hand sanitizing stations are placed strategically on each floor of the Courthouse
 - ✓ Hand sanitizing stations are located outside each courtroom on 3rd floor
 - ✓ Each person MUST sanitize hands before entering the courtroom
 - ✓ Each person MUST obey any instructions by Court Security Personnel

**ANY PERSON IN VIOLATION OF THE FOREGOING MAY BE
REMOVED FROM THE COURTHOUSE**