

# MINIMUM STANDARD HEALTH PROTOCOLS

## In-Person Hearings

*FOR THE JUSTICE, COUNTY, COUNTY COURT AT LAW, AND DISTRICT COURTS SERVING ARANSAS, BEE, LIVE OAK, MCMULLEN, AND SAN PATRICIO COUNTIES.*

If available, screenings of all individuals who are participants or observers of in-person court proceedings shall be done at the entrances to the courthouse/court buildings/courtrooms and shall consist of:

- A. Screening individuals for COVID-19 symptoms
- B. Informing all who request entrance into court building for court-related business that cloth face coverings must be worn at all times during their presence inside of the courthouse, courtroom, and any other court facility.

The presiding Judge shall be informed immediately if a COVID-related concern is found PRIOR to the individual being told to leave the premises.

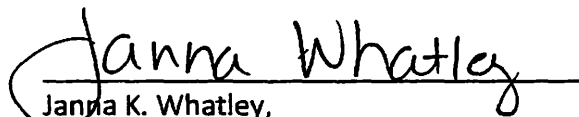
Social distancing guidelines shall be followed at all times while inside a courtroom and/or court facilities..

Judges who share buildings must coordinate with other judges to ensure that "in-person" docket size/number will allow for adequate social distancing in the public spaces of the building.

These protocols are subject to change as local, state, and national health conditions dictate.

Individual judges may have more stringent standards in their courtrooms, but may not have any less.

Dated this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021



Janna K. Whatley,

343<sup>rd</sup> District Court Judge

Local Administrative District Judge,

Aransas, Bee, Live Oak, McMullen, and San Patricio Counties