

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 wearing cloth face coverings are encouraged during their presence inside of the courthouse, courtroom, and any other court facility.

Judges should ensure that unvaccinated individuals are able to adequately social distance while in the courtroom and public spaces in the court buildings.

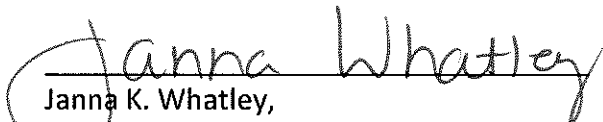
Each Judge shall establish procedures for court settings when vulnerable or unvaccinated individuals request accommodations for their appearance.

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

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 27th day of May, 2021



Janna K. Whatley,

343rd District Court Judge

Local Administrative District Judge,

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