

GRAYSON COUNTY COURTS
MINIMUM STANDARD HEALTH PROTOCOLS

- The Grayson County and District Courts will conduct in-person proceedings unless good cause is shown to conduct the proceeding remotely (such as Zoom). Individuals showing good cause for a remote hearing should notify the proper court at least 24 hours prior to their court hearing.

Persons who consider themselves as vulnerable individuals should notify the Court and request accommodations to reduce the appearance of those individuals at the courthouse. This would include witnesses to proceedings.

Vulnerable individuals include those over age 65 and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy.

- Individuals exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 such as fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea will not be permitted in a court facility.
- Social Distancing should be maintained and individuals should take reasonable action to avoid exposure in public common areas, galleries of courtrooms, wells of the courtroom, hallways, elevators, restrooms, or other locations where the public might gather.
- Face coverings will be required of individuals planning to enter a courtroom or court-related office while in the court building.
- Individuals are encouraged to use the hand sanitizer dispensers available at various locations around the court building.
- Procedures currently in place regarding the summoning of jurors and jury service will remain in effect.

THESE ARE MINIMUM HEALTH PROTOCOLS AND EACH COURT MAY ALTER WHEN TO CONDUCT ZOOM HEARINGS VERSUS LIVE HEARINGS OR IMPOSE STRICTER PROTOCOLS. PLEASE CHECK WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL COURT AS TO REQUIRED PROTOCOLS.