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Counties of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren

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On May 26, 2020, Chief Judge Vancil entered an administrative order authorizing the hearing of all matters in the Ninth Judicial Circuit which includes the counties of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren. The administrative order is effective June 1, 2020 and allows the Presiding/Administrative Judge of each county to set forth schedules and proper safety precautions specific to each county and judicial facility.

The order requires each county, to the extent possible, to allow for appropriate social distancing and attempt to reduce the number of persons appearing personally for court appearances. Face masks will be required for members of the public to enter the judicial facilities. Social distancing reminders such as signs and tape lines will be placed in public areas. NO member of the public with symptoms of COVID-19 or who has had close contact with a person known to have the virus will be admitted. Users of the judicial facilities are discouraged from bringing family and friends to the judicial facilities unless they are witnesses.

The Presiding/Administrative judge of each county is authorized to enact specific policies and procedures to address their individual judicial facility and case needs.