

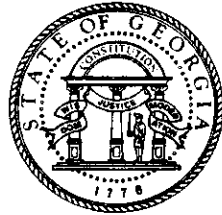
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**NOTICE**

**TO:** Courthouse Security and Sheriffs in Southern Judicial Circuit  
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**FROM:** Chief Judge Richard M. Cowart  
Judge James E. Hardy  
Judge Brian A. McDaniel  
Judge James L. Prine  
Judge Gregory A. Voyles

**DATE:** February 25, 2022

**RE:** **Procedures for the Southern Judicial Circuit -  
Updated Face Mask Requirement**

Effective March 1, 2022, the face mask requirement instituted by this Court in the beginning of the pandemic will now be voluntary.

All employees, attorneys, witnesses, spectators, and visitors should still maintain social distancing in each courtroom and all common areas of the courthouse.

Any elected official in the courthouse that wants to continue the face mask requirement for their offices or courtrooms shall be responsible for the distribution of the face masks.

During jury trials all attorneys, witnesses, parties, and spectators who are attending court shall be screened before entering the Courthouse or Judicial Annex, including taking temperatures as previously implemented.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with these procedures.

All judges concur.