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On March 13, 2020, Chief Judge Reuben Green of the Superior Court of Cobb County issued an Order Declaring Judicial Emergency ("Order") for the Cobb Judicial Circuit pursuant to OCGA § 38-3-60. The Order provides that "civil and other non-essential matters shall be limited by the courts."

Pursuant to the Order and in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare; the State Court of Cobb County is canceling appearances of the below civil and non-essential matters for the duration of the judicial emergency or until further notice. A new court date notice will be sent to all affected parties.

Civil and Non-Essential Matters Cancelled:

All civil matters including but not limited to -
Motions
Garnishment hearings
Dispossessory hearings
Non-jury Trials

Criminal matters Cancelled:

Non-custodial arraignments
Non-custodial probation revocations
Non-custodial non-jury trials
Compliance calendars
Criminal motions except for those matters involving bonds
Calendar calls for criminal jury trials

The below essential matters will proceed until further notice. No one should come to court if they are not feeling well, have had potential exposure to the COVID-19 virus, or are considered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to be at a higher risk from the virus. Counsel or parties desiring a continuance are encouraged to contact the Court as usual.

Criminal matters that will proceed:

Custodial arraignments
Custodial probation revocations
Individuals in custody on a calendar call date

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Parties or attorneys who feel they have special or exigent circumstances relating to a criminal or civil matter that should be addressed and is not specifically contemplated by this notice are encouraged to contact the individual assigned judge's office directly.



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