

BRADLEY COUNTY GENERAL SESSIONS COURT
PROPOSED PLAN TO RESUME IN PERSON COURT PROCEEDINGS

1. Only Litigants/defendants appearing on the docket will be permitted into the courthouse. No spectators or support groups will be permitted entry in the courtroom. If you have a witness, they will need to leave a phone number and return to their vehicle until summoned by the Judge.
2. Masks and/or gloves will be encouraged and permitted.
3. Social distancing will be observed at all times while in the courthouse.
4. Attorneys are encouraged to conduct appropriate matters by telephone, email or video conference in order to limit in person proceedings.
5. Parties will be asked upon entering the building if they have any of the following symptoms in the last 24 hours: fever, cough, or difficulty breathing. If the answer is yes they will be asked to leave the building and rescheduling their case.
6. Courtrooms and other public areas will be sanitized frequently.
7. Dockets will be staggered to minimize contact. A Clerk will be stationed at an entry point with the days docket, as parties arrive they will sign in with giving their phone number. Then 10 people will be allowed into a designated court room, where attorneys will be stationed, or they will be asked to return to their vehicle until called in to court.
8. To maximize the ability of the courts to stagger appearance times, the courts encourage the use of consent judgments; this will help eliminate negotiations occurring in the courtroom. Any contested cases that will need to be heard by the presiding judge should be rescheduled with the judges clerk

9. Once a defendant's case is completed they need to exit the courthouse immediately.
10. Only essential court personnel will be allowed in the courtroom. The maximum number of people allowed in the court room will be 10, excluding the Judge, court personnel, and court security.
11. All court personnel will be required to wear masks.
12. We will continue to practice CDC guidelines for social distancing in the courtroom as well as the lobby. The courtroom will be marked in specific areas to sit until your case is called. The lobby will be marked as well.
13. We will abide by all other rules of the 10th District.