

# Information Regarding COVID-19 and the Unified Judicial System and its respective courthouses.

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The Unified Judicial System continues to monitor the most current statements from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as all communications disseminated by the Alabama Department of Public Health, regarding COVID-19. The Unified Judicial System is following recommended guidelines from public health officials and recommended preparedness guidance. Currently, there has been no adjustment in court operations, except as follows:

If—

- you have traveled to China; Iran; the European Schengen Area (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City); the United Kingdom (England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland); the Republic of Ireland; or Brazil within the last 14 days;
- you reside with, or have had close contact with, someone who has traveled to one of the above areas within the last 14 days;
- you have been asked to self-quarantine by any hospital, health agency, or medical health professional; or
- you, someone with whom you have had close contact, or the family of someone with whom you have had close contact, have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who have been diagnosed with COVID-19,

you must inform the Deputy Marshals upon entering the Courthouse and will be denied permission to enter. If you are so affected and are an attorney scheduled to appear before the Court in the near future, you

must notify the Court so that appropriate safeguard measures can be taken. The presiding judge of each county will make a decision on how you are able to proceed.

The following are contacts for the respective agencies and courts located in the Heflin-Torbert Judicial Building:

- Supreme Court of Alabama—Clerk’s Office at (334) 229-0700
- Alabama Court of Civil Appeals—Clerk’s Office at (334) 229-0733
- Alabama Court of Criminal Appeals—Clerk’s Office at (334) 229-0751
- Administrative Office of Courts—(334) 954-5080
- State Law Library—(334) 229-0563
- Alabama Appellate Court Marshal—(334) 229-0674

These limited restrictions will remain in place until further notice.