



Gwinnett County Magistrate Court

COVID-19 Update

The Gwinnett County Magistrate Court takes public health and safety seriously. Therefore, pursuant to the Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency* issued by the Supreme Court of Georgia and the Chief Judge of the Gwinnett County Superior Court (copies of both of these Orders are posted on the main page of the Clerk of Court website), we will be implementing the following changes until further notice:

*The Chief Justice's Order Declaring Statewide Judicial Emergency presently extends through April 13, 2020.

Civil Filings:

Due to the Clerk of Court's COVID-19 protocols, the Clerk is only accepting criminal filings in person. Therefore, any new Magistrate Court filings must be submitted to the Clerk's Office through the ***e-filing portal or by regular mail.***

A number of our forms are available on the website at www.gwinnettcourts.com, under the Magistrate Court tab.

For additional help with forms, please use the Magistrate Court Forms Generator. You can access this tool by clicking on the "Forms Generator" link located in the left column under the Magistrate Court tab of www.gwinnettcourts.com. Or, you can cut and paste the attached link: <https://georgia.tylerhost.net/SRL/>. This Forms Generator asks you a series of questions that will help you generate the form you need.

However, if you need a specific form that you do not see or have a general question, please contact us at 770.822.8081.

Garnishments:

Pursuant to the Gwinnett Judicial Emergency Order, the Magistrate, State and Superior Courts are NOT accepting any NEW garnishment filings. This does not apply to the filing of claim forms or other motions in currently pending garnishment actions. However, any claim forms or motions must be filed through the ***e-filing portal or by regular mail.***

Dispossessory Hearings:

Pending Cases: All dispossessory hearings scheduled during the period of judicial emergency will be rescheduled to a later date. All parties will be notified of their new court date by mail once a new date has been set. The Magistrate Court is likely to create a series of specially set calendars to ensure that these pending cases are handled as efficiently as possible once the judicial emergency has been lifted.

Newly Filed: For any dispossessory action filed during the period of the judicial emergency, notices for court dates will be mailed once the Courts are reopened for general business.

Defaults: At this time, no defaults on writs will be granted without a hearing.

Civil Trials:

All civil trials and hearings scheduled during the period of judicial emergency will be rescheduled to a later date. All parties will be notified of their new court date by mail.

Civilian Warrant Applications and Warrant Application Hearings:

During this period of judicial emergency, Magistrate Court will not be accepting any new criminal warrant applications made by non-law enforcement personnel. All previously scheduled warrant application hearings are continued until further notice. Instead, please direct any reports of a crime or requests for criminal warrants to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 770.822.8081.

Thank you and please be safe.

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