

COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Blanco Municipal Court

Recognizing the need to ensure the health and safety of litigants, attorneys, visitors, court staff, judges, and other individuals entering the buildings housing the courts, the Blanco Municipal Court will implement the following protective measures. These measures will comply with the Emergency Orders issued by the Supreme Court of Texas and Court of Criminal Appeals, including conducting in-person proceedings according to the guidance issued by the Office of Court Administration regarding social distancing, maximum group size, and other restrictions and precautions.

1. Vulnerable populations who are scheduled for court will be accommodated by a reset, phone conference or video docket. Individuals who are over age 65 and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy are considered to be vulnerable populations. Reset request forms are available online at www.cityofblanco.com. Reset request forms are also available outside of City Hall by the drop box.
2. Temperatures will be taken of all individuals upon entering any buildings housing the court.
3. All individuals entering the court building will be required to wear face coverings at all times. If the individual does not have a cloth face covering of their own, a disposable face mask will be provided.
4. After screening, defendants will sign into court with their name and phone number. After signing in, the defendant will wait in his/her vehicle. Defendants will be called/text to enter the court room as allowed by social distancing practices. Upon entering the courtroom defendants will be required to use hand sanitizer. Once seen by Judge/Prosecutor, defendants will go back to their vehicle and wait to be called into city hall for payment/paperwork processing. Defendants will be let into city hall one at a time.

Please contact the Court Clerk with any questions.

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