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DISTRICT COURTS

COUNTY OF BELL

JANNA STATON  
Deputy  
District Judge

BELL COUNTY, TEXAS

**REVISED COVID-19 ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

Pursuant to the Thirty-Sixth Emergency Order of the Supreme Court of Texas and to the guidelines and recommendations of the Office of Court Administration, this Administrative Order is promulgated to protect the parties, attorneys, staff, and all others who come before the Courts of Bell County.

**IT IS ORDERED** that the COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Bell County Judiciary, effective June 1, 2020, and re-certified on January 5, 2021, is hereby adopted as the current operating plan for the district courts, county courts at law, and the justice of the peace courts of Bell County until further Administrative Order of the Judges of Bell County. This operating plan continues the requirements for social distancing and face masks to protect the health of parties, attorneys, staff, and other participants in the judicial system.

Courts should, but are no longer required to, use reasonable efforts to conduct proceedings remotely. For in-person hearings, this operating plan adopts as minimum standard health protocols the same requirements as set out in the COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Bell County Judiciary, and this Order requires each court to post an in-person proceeding schedule or docket.

Jury Trials remain suspended in Bell County until further order. Resuming jury trials in a manner that will be safe for all participants is of critical importance to the criminal and civil courts of Bell County. The Judges of Bell County will continue to work with the Bell County Health Director and the Bell County Judge to determine when the pandemic health environment in Bell County is safe for a return of jury trials.

**SO ORDERED** this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2021.



Local Administrative District Judge  
District Judge, 169<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of Texas