

COVID-19 Operating Plan for the City of Corpus Christi City Judiciary

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 courts of the City of Corpus Christi will implement the following protective measures:

General

1. All judges 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.
2. All judges will use all reasonable efforts to conduct proceedings remotely.
3. The presiding judge of the municipal court will maintain regular communication with the local health authority and mayor and adjust this operating plan as necessary with conditions in the city.
4. Judges will begin setting non-essential in-person proceedings no sooner than June 1, 2020

Judge and Court Staff Health

1. Judges and court staff who can perform the essential functions of their job remotely will telework when possible. There will be one judge and 2 staff members at work in the judicial department and the rest will work remotely from home with city laptops. All magistration is by teleconferencing (WebEx) and there is no in-person magistration at the city detention center.
2. Judge and Court Staff Monitoring Requirements: These 3 employees will take their temperature every morning and will not enter the building if it is 100 degrees or higher. The door to the judicial area is locked with a sign that all officers or visitors must call first and must wear a mask before entering.
3. Judges or judicial staff who feel feverish or have measured temperatures equal to or greater than 100 degrees, or with new or worsening signs or symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, or having known close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19 will not be permitted to enter the building and should seek medical advice.
4. Judges and court staff will be required to wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and practice appropriate hygiene recommendations at all times.
5. Protective Measures: The judicial area is locked and opened for police officers after they call and use purell and wear masks. Everyone will stay at least 6 feet apart.

Scheduling

1. The following court schedules are established to reduce occupancy in the court building:

Before June 1, we are not having any in-person hearings, we are using "WebEx" technology and are video magistrating all arrested persons that are at the city detention center. The court administration department (clerks) has reduced clerical staff by 50% until foot traffic increases to more than 50 per day. All workstations have been spaced at 6 feet apart and other areas will be made available to ensure proper spacing. Dockets will be reduced to a maximum of seven (7) defendants once in-person hearings resume. However, we will continue WebEx hearings in the foreseeable future rather than having in-person proceedings in the courtrooms.

For bench trials, not to be scheduled before August 1, we will use webex, with a large mondo pad (internet and webex capabilities) in the courtroom with only the bailiff, defendant and witness, all 6 feet apart. The judge will appear on webex from another courtroom, and the clerk will appear via webex from the 3rd courtroom.

For jury trials, not to be scheduled before August 1, with the Administrative judge's permission during the disaster declaration, the downtown city library, a few blocks from the city courthouse can be used as it has a very large conference room in the back area. It can seat 30 prospective jurors 6 feet apart. There are 2 separate doors to the library, one for entrance and one for exit and they are more than 6 feet apart. There is a bathroom in the back area of the library that a juror can use. The Director of the city library system has given us her permission.

Vulnerable Populations

1. 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.
2. Each judge will include information on orders setting hearings, dockets notices, and in other communications notifying individuals who are in vulnerable populations of the ability to contact the court to identify themselves as a vulnerable individual and receive accommodations. A notice with this information will be posted on the courts' websites and in conspicuous locations around the court building (a copy of which is attached).
3. Vulnerable populations who are scheduled for court will be accommodated by having video conferencing hearings. The judicial department and court services are working with the main downtown public library to set up a laptop in an enclosed area with WebEx technology for the defendant that does not have access to a computer. The library staff is accustomed to providing some technical assistance to those not proficient with the computers. The downtown library has 2 main doors, one is an entrance and one is an exit. They are more than 6 feet apart.

Social Distancing

1. All persons who are permitted in the court building will be required to maintain adequate social distancing of at least 6 feet.
2. Only the person with court business will be permitted to enter the building unless the person has children with him or her, is a person of a vulnerable population with a caregiver, or the person has business with the police department, which is housed in the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors of the building it shares with the Municipal Court. No more than 4 individuals will be permitted in an elevator at the same time. If more than 2 individuals from the same household are in an elevator, no other individuals will be permitted in the elevator. Signs will be posted with this requirement outside the elevators.
3. Each restroom has been evaluated to determine the appropriate capacity to ensure social distancing and the maximum capacity has been posted on each restroom door.
4. Public common areas, including breakrooms and snack-rooms are closed to the public.

Gallery

5. The maximum number of persons permitted in the gallery of each courtroom has been determined and posted. With social distancing having been measured, Courtroom "A" has a capacity of 7 persons, Courtroom "B" has a capacity of 8, and Courtroom "C" has a maximum capacity of 10 when all are separated by 6 feet taking every other row into consideration. The maximum capacity of the courtroom will be monitored and enforced by court staff.
6. The gallery of the courtroom has been marked to identify appropriate social distancing in the seating. Seating is limited to every other row.

Well

7. In each courtroom, the counsel tables, witness stand, judge's bench, and clerk, court reporter, and bailiff seating have been arranged in such a way so that there is social distancing of at least 6 feet between each space. Only courtrooms "A" and "C" are able to provide this spacing.

Hygiene

1. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed at the entrances to the building, outside of elevators on each floor, outside of each courtroom, and outside of bathrooms.
2. Tissues have been placed near the door of the courtroom, at counsel tables, at the witness stand, on the judges' benches, and in the hallways.
3. The Department of State Health Service's "Stop the Spread of Germs Flyer" will be posted in multiple locations on each floor of the court building. (They have been ordered and will be posted.)

Screening

1. When individuals attempt to enter the court building, they may only see a clerk, after having their temperature taken by a security officer. They will ask the individuals if they are feeling feverish; have a cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing; or have been in close

contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19. Individuals who indicate yes to any of these questions will be refused admittance to the court building.

2. When individuals attempt to enter the court building, security officers will use an infrared thermometer to determine the temperature of the individual. Individuals whose temperature equals or exceeds 100.0°F will be refused admittance to the court building.
3. We do not currently transport inmates from the county jail. If need arises to do so, we will do the following: Inmates being transported from the jail to the court building will be screened for symptoms of COVID-19 and have their temperature taken prior to transport. Inmates with symptoms or a temperature equal to or above 99.6°F will not be transported to the court building.
4. Staff who are screening individuals entering the court building will be provided personal protective equipment, including masks, gloves and face shields.

Face Coverings

1. All individuals entering the court building will be required to wear face coverings while in the courthouse.
2. Individuals will be encouraged to bring cloth face coverings with them, but if the individual does not have a cloth face covering, a disposable face mask will be provided.
3. Individuals who will be required to be in the court building for over 1 hour will be provided surgical masks and required to wear them while in the court building if the supply is available.

Cleaning

1. Court staff will clean the common areas of the court building so that common spaces are cleaned at least every 3 hours.
2. Court staff will clean the courtrooms between every hearing, between morning and afternoon proceedings, and at the end of each day the courtroom is used.
3. Court staff have been provided cleaning supplies shown to be effective with this coronavirus.
4. Court staff have been trained on proper cleaning techniques and provided appropriate personal protective equipment.
5. The contract with the cleaning company does not cover cleaning nor cleaning supplies for the necessary counter cleaning and cred card machine cleaning, etc. so the court staff (clerks) who work for The Dept of Court Administration will perform the necessary cleaning discussed above.

Other

At this time all hearings are through WebEx and no one is coming into the courtrooms. The judicial department is locked to "visitors." The courthouse (clerical area) is under the supervision of the Director of Court services, which is not part of the judicial department. It is under the city manager. This is per the Texas Government code chapter 30, subsections "ZZ" and the City Ordinance. I have provided them with a copy of OCA's Guidance for Court Proceedings on or after June 1, 2020 and they have amended their "Operating Plan" and "Emergency Plan" to comply with OCA. Their plans are attached.

I have attempted to confer with all judges of courts with courtrooms in the court building regarding this Operating Plan. In developing the plan, I have submitted a "Business Plan for the Judicial Department" to the City Manager which has been approved, documentation of which is attached to this plan. I consulted with Annette Rodriguez, the Director of the "City County Health Department." I consulted with the city Mayor, Joe McComb. I will ensure that the judges of courts with courtrooms in the courthouse covered by this Operating Plan conduct proceedings consistent with the plan.

Date: 5/25/2020

Gail Loeb
Presiding Judge of Municipal Court



Guidance for All Court Proceedings During COVID-19 Pandemic (For Proceedings on or after June 1, 2020)

On or after June 1 until further updated¹:

NOTE: Courts are not required to commence in-person proceedings on June 1 and should include in their discussions with the county judge/**mayor** and local health authority a proper date for commencing in-person hearings under the operating plan.

- **Courts should use all reasonable efforts to conduct proceedings remotely.²**
All proceedings, both essential and non-essential, should occur remotely (such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means) unless litigants or other court participants are unable to successfully participate in a remote hearing for reasons beyond the court's control.³ Courts may need to conduct hybrid hearings in certain proceedings.
- **Jury trials must not be held until further guidance is issued by the Office of Court Administration (expected to be released no later than mid-May for proceedings in the summer).** It is anticipated that jury trials can safely resume in the summer; however, due to the unique nature of these proceedings, special attention must be provided to ensure the safety of jurors and others in these large group gatherings. Specific guidance to assist jurisdictions in planning resumption of jury proceedings will be issued soon.
- **Prior to any court holding in-person proceedings**, other than essential hearings that cannot be conducted remotely because doing so is not possible or practicable,⁴ the local administrative district judge for a county or the presiding judge of a municipal court, as applicable, must submit an operating plan for all courts in the county or municipality to the Regional Presiding Judge.⁵
 - Each local administrative district judge must attempt to confer with judges of all courts with courtrooms in county buildings, including district judges, county court at law judges, county judges, justices of the peace, associate judges, magistrates, and chief justices of the courts of appeals where applicable.

¹ It is possible that some of the limitations and restrictions may be modified or removed as public health officials indicate those are necessary or possible.

² See [Twelfth Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster, #4](#).

³ Courts who need technical assistance with remote proceedings may contact the Office of Court Administration at zoomhelp@txcourts.gov.

⁴ Essential proceedings include, but are not limited to, criminal magistration proceedings, CPS removal hearings, temporary restraining orders / temporary injunctions, juvenile detention hearings, family violence protective orders, and certain mental health proceedings. Guidance issued since March 26 has required all essential hearings to be conducted remotely unless holding the proceeding remotely is not possible or feasible.

⁵ This process is similar to the requirement for the Local Administrative District Judge and Municipal Court Presiding Judge to preside over a court security committee involving all affected courts as required by Secs. 29.014, 30.00007(b)(6), and 74.092(a)(13), Government Code.

- In developing the operating plan, the local administrative district judge or presiding judge of a municipal court must consult with the [local health authority](#) and county judge/mayor.⁶ Documentation (e.g. email, letter, etc.) from the local health authority and county judge/mayor showing that the consultation has occurred must be submitted with the operating plan.
- Upon written acknowledgement by the Regional Presiding Judge that the operating plan meets the requirements of an operating plan discussed below, the courts in the county or city may commence in-person proceedings only in accordance with the guidance issued by the Office of Court Administration (OCA) and the operating plan.
- The Regional Presiding Judge must forward a copy of each operating plan to the OCA at coronavirus@txcourts.gov.

Operating plans will remain in effect until updated guidance is issued from the OCA indicating they are no longer required or upon the expiration of the provisions in the Twelfth Emergency Order, as amended or extended, requiring adherence to OCA guidance.

- **An operating plan must contain the following components:⁷**
 - **Judge and Court Staff Health – how the courts will ensure judges and court staff do not enter the courthouse if they have new or worsening signs or symptoms⁸ and will protect judges and staff from exposure to the degree possible.⁹**

Courts should take precautions to ensure judges and courts staff do not enter the courthouse when there is a likelihood that they may have COVID-19, and courts should take reasonable steps to protect judges and court staff from contracting COVID-19.

Courts should consider encourage teleworking for judges and court staff whenever possible and feasible.

- **Scheduling – how the courts in the building(s) covered by the plan will coordinate scheduling to reduce occupancy in the courthouse to the lowest degree possible.¹⁰**

In-person proceedings must be scheduled to reduce the number of people entering or in the courthouse at any one period of time. Judges in counties and cities with multiple judges in a building must coordinate scheduling of any in-person proceedings to reduce the number of people in the courthouse at one time.

⁶ Local Administrative District Judges should consult with the county judge at a minimum, and presiding judges of a municipal court should consult with the mayor at a minimum.

⁷ In developing the plan, courts should review the Texas Department of Health Services' [Minimum Standard Health Protocols for COVID-19](#).

⁸ CDC. [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#).

⁹ DSHS. [Checklist for All Employers](#).

¹⁰ CDC. [Get Your Mass Gathering or Large Community Events Ready](#).

- **Vulnerable Populations – how the courts will provide notice to vulnerable individuals and those who live with or are caregivers for vulnerable individuals and provide accommodations to reduce the appearance of those individuals at the courthouse.**^{11,12}

Vulnerable individuals are those 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.

- **Social Distancing – how the courts will ensure that adequate social distancing will be maintained for all individuals not within the same household who may be in a courthouse.**¹³

Courts should consider how to ensure distancing in public common areas, galleries of courtrooms,¹⁴ wells of the courtroom, hallways, elevators, restrooms, or other locations where the public might gather.

Special attention should be given to scheduling in buildings with multiple courtrooms, as common areas such as waiting areas, halls and elevators may become crowded in such a way that it is impossible to maintain appropriate social distancing.¹⁵

- **Hygiene – how the courts will ensure that individuals in the courthouse will have access to supplies to maintain high levels of hygiene**¹⁶

Courts should consider having hand sanitizer dispensers available at various locations around the courthouse, including at the entry and exits from the building and courtrooms. Courts should ensure that tissues are available for public use in courtrooms and other public areas. Courts should post readily visible signage reminding individuals of best hygiene protocols.¹⁷

- **Screening – how the courts will ensure screening of all individuals entering the courthouse or courtroom areas**¹⁸

Individuals feeling feverish or with measured temperatures equal to or greater than 100.0°F, or with new or worsening signs or symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea, or having known close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19 must not be permitted entry.¹⁹

Special attention should be given to how inmates or detainees from jail and juvenile facilities who may be transported to a courtroom will be screened,

¹¹ CDC. *People who are at Higher Risk for Severe Illness*.

¹² CDC. *What Can You Do*.

¹³ CDC. *Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation*.

¹⁴ DSHS. *Checklist for Churches/Places of Worship*.

¹⁵ White House, CDC. See pp. 10 & 14 in the *Guidelines for Opening Up America Again*.

¹⁶ CDC. *How to Protect Yourself and Others*.

¹⁷ DSHS. Stop the Spread of Germs Flyer. <https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/docs/StopSpreadofGerms-English.pdf> (English) and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/stop-the-spread-of-germs-sp.pdf> (Spanish).

¹⁸ CDC. *Symptoms of Coronavirus*.

¹⁹ DSHS. *Checklist for All Employers*.

including consideration of a lower threshold temperature of 99.6°F as an indicator of symptoms.²⁰

Screeners should be provided appropriate face protection and gloves.²¹

- **Face coverings – how the courts will ensure face coverings over the nose and mouth are worn.**²²

Cloth face coverings, at a minimum, should be required of individuals while in the courthouse. Should an individual be in the courthouse for lengthy periods of time, non-medical grade face masks should be considered if they are available.¹⁹

- **Cleaning – how the courts will ensure frequent and appropriate cleaning of surfaces in and around courtrooms and common areas.**²³

Sanitizing should be routinely and more regularly performed, including when a transition of participants occurs within a courtroom between hearings and after recesses.¹⁹

²⁰ Suggestion for considering lower threshold for jail inmates made by DSHS physicians.

²¹ CDC. [*Personal Protective Equipment: Questions and Answers.*](#)

²² CDC. [*Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19.*](#)

²³ CDC. [*Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes.*](#)

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IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT
CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
NUECES COUNTY, TEXAS

1304 GREENWAY LANE
PORTLAND, TX 78414

ORDER TO APPEAR FOR PRE-TRIAL VIDEOCONFERENCE or TELEPHONIC CONFERENCE

CAUSE NO/OFFENSE:

140164093 FAILED TO MAINTAIN FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY \$487.50

Due to your plea of Not Guilty, you are Ordered to attend a Mandatory Pre-Trial Conference by video OR by phone at Corpus Christi Municipal Court for the above styled and numbered cause on **THE 27TH DAY OF MAY, 2020 AT 8:30 AM.** **If you cannot attend via videoconference OR teleconference you must call the Municipal Court at 361-826-2553 or 361-826-2557, so other arrangements can be made.**

If you would like to speak with a Prosecutor about your case before your pre-trial you may contact them at MCLegalProsecutors@cctexas.com.

It is your continuing duty to notify the Court any time you change your street address, phone number or e-mail address.

You must email Municipal Court at MCMail@cctexas.com 5 days before your hearing or as soon as practical and provide Municipal Court with your current phone number and contact information. It is your responsibility on the date of your hearing to call in and begin your hearing. Please make yourself available for at least an hour due to the volume of cases. Please type "SHOW CAUSE" on the comment line of your email.

Motions for continuance should be filed at least 2 days prior to your court date. In case of an emergency, please file your motion for continuance as soon as possible. You may e-mail or fax your motions to MCMail@cctexas.com or 361-886-2560.

Failure to appear by video or by phone on this date and time may result in a hold on your driver's license, your case referred to a collection agency, and additional fees incurred.

You may change your plea from "not guilty" to "guilty" or "no contest" at any time. If you choose to change your plea to "guilty" or "no contest", you may pay your citation in full online at <https://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/corpuschristitx/>. Paying your citation in full online will result in a conviction and will appear on your driving record or criminal history as applicable. You may also request probation for your case, you may contact the court for more information.

This does not apply to minors (under 21 years of age), who are charged with alcohol related offenses. Minors, by law are required to appear by videoconference to enter a plea.

If you are unable to pay your fines and court costs in full, the Court may offer you alternatives such as a monthly payment plan, community service, or other ways to pay or earn credit towards your fine and court costs. For the Judge to consider such circumstances, you must provide proof of your financial circumstances to the Court.

Signed and Ordered Entered on May 27, 2020.



Hail Loeb

Municipal Court Judge
City of Corpus Christi
Nueces County, Texas

I, TESTY TESTER, promise to appear at the date and time stated above.

MAILED TO DEFENDANT

Defendant Signature Date: 5/27/2020

Attorney's Signature Date: 5/27/2020

REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

Due to the Pandemic of COVID-19 and to protect the public health and safety, Municipal Court is engaging in social distancing by conducting hearings via telephonic conferencing or videoconferencing. Below is information about the Rules of the Court during the hearing and how to connect with the court to participate in a telephonic or a videoconference hearing.

All hearings will be conducted by Webex. You do not need to install the app to attend the hearing.

1. ATTENDING BY PHONE

- If you attend the hearing by phone your virtual court hearing will be audio only.
- A Municipal Court Clerk will call you 1 day before your hearing. You will be given a number to call, an access code and a verbal ID code.
- After you call the number, when prompted you will enter the access code followed by the # key.
- You will be asked if you have an ID, press the # key instead, you will not be given an ID.
- Your phone will say "connected."
- Please make sure you are muted when you are connected.

If you have trouble with the steps, please call (361) 826-2553 or (361) 826-2557.

2. ATTENDING BY VIDEO ON YOUR COMPUTER OR SMARTPHONE

- You must have a web camera and speakers on your computer to attend the hearing by video. A Municipal Court Clerk will call you 1 day before your hearing. You must provide or confirm your e-mail address to the Court at that time.
- The clerk will send you an e-mail. Please check your e-mail (and your junk mail) to make sure you have received the e-mail from Municipal Court. If you did not receive the e-mail, call or e-mail Municipal Court at (361) 826-2553 / (361) 826-2557 or mcmmail@cctexas.com. The e-mail has the date and time of the hearing and the link to join the hearing.
- When you open the e-mail, you will see a green rectangle that says, "join meeting."
- Click on the "join meeting" rectangle.
- Once you click on "join meeting" you will need to install the WebEx plugin. Press install. You will be asked to enter your name and your e-mail. Type in your real name when you are asked and enter your e-mail address.
- Your meeting will not begin until the "host" (Judge) starts the meeting.

If you have trouble with the steps please call (361) 826-2553 or (361) 826-2557.

3. MUTING THE MICROPHONE

All persons attending the hearing/docket except the Judge and the person testifying/ speaking **SHALL** have their microphone on mute. The only time it is appropriate to unmute your microphone is when you will be testifying or speaking to the Court.

4. CHECK IN

You must begin the teleconference or videoconference process by phone or video 10 minutes before your hearing. The clerk will verify your contact information, driver's license and date of birth.

5. VIRTUAL COURTROOM

When each person joins the video/audio conference, the person will appear in a virtual courtroom. The video will automatically be on and your microphone **shall** remain muted until your case is called. There may be more than one person on the docket at the same time. When the case is called by the Judge you should unmute your microphone. When the case is over, you will be excused from the virtual courtroom.

6. USE OF REAL NAMES

At all times during the court proceeding you must use your real name including when joining the Webex meeting and/or a video conference call. Each party or attorney attending the proceeding shall use that person's real name when identifying himself or herself.

7. INTERPRETER (*INTERPRETER*)

A defendant or attorney representing a defendant shall contact the court clerk at (361) 826-2553 or (361) 826-2557 or by e mail at Mcmail@cctexas.com as soon as possible but not less than 48 hours **before** the court proceeding is scheduled if an interpreter is needed.

El acusado o abogado que representa el acusado debe de contactar a la oficina de la corte al (361) 826-2553 o (361) 826-2557 o contactar la corte por correo electrónico al Mcmail@cctexas.com tan pronto como sea posible pero no menos de 48 horas **antes** del horario del procedimiento judicial si un intérprete es necesario

8. DRESS CODE AND LOCATION

The remote proceedings are official court proceedings. All defendants and attorneys shall wear clothes appropriate for Court.

9. COURT PROCEEDING

Corpus Christi Municipal Court is a Court of Record and this is a Court proceeding. Everything that is being said by all parties is being recorded.

Inappropriate language will not be tolerated, if inappropriate language is used you will be expelled from the hearing. If expelled, you will have to contact Corpus Christi Municipal Court to reschedule your hearing for another date.

10. SUBMISSION OF EXHIBITS BY FILING

To request that a document be considered as evidence, all documents shall be filed with the clerk and copies given to all parties not later than 2 days before the court hearing.

11. FORMAT OF THE EXHIBITS

Any party wanting to request that documents or other items be admitted into evidence, must file the documents pre-marked and chronologically numbered for the case. Each document that you would like to ask to be admitted into evidence must be marked in the lower righthand corner. Each separate item requesting to be admitted into evidence must have its exhibit number (X-1, X-2, X-3 etc.). If there are more than one page per exhibit, please bound those pages together or mark it as; X-1 of 3, X-2 of 3, and X- 3 of 3 etc.

You may drop the exhibits in the drop box located outside municipal court or mail the documents to municipal court. Attach a cover sheet to the exhibits with your name, cause number, and DOB.

In compliance with the Open Courts provision of the Texas Constitution you are informed of the following:

The Office of Court Administration is providing Judges the ability to stream and host court proceedings via videoconferencing, via YouTube. Under the Open Courts provision of the Texas Constitution, all courts are required to maintain public access. In general, court proceedings, are presumptively open to the public in Texas State Courts. This YouTube Channel is in place to comply with that provision, however recording of these proceedings is strictly prohibited. Participants and viewers are hereby admonished that violators are subject to the Court's contempt powers. The punishment for contempt of a court is a fine of not more than \$100.00 or confinement in the county jail for not more than three (3) days, or both such fine and confinement in jail. Tex. Govt. Code, Sec. 21.002.

NOTICE

REGARDING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Vulnerable individuals are those 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.

Those individuals or caregivers for those who are in vulnerable populations may come in to court between 8 am and 9 am on Mondays and Tuesdays. These hours will be restricted for these individuals only.

We encourage all individuals to seek assistance by telephone (886-2500), by email (mcmail@cctexas.com), mail or a note placed in the drop box outside the front door. You can schedule a videoconference with a Judge and arrangements can be made for you if the you do not have access to a computer or smartphone.

Municipal Court, City of Corpus Christi, Texas