



AMADO J. ABASCAL, III
DISTRICT JUDGE
365TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Dimmit, Maverick & Zavala Counties

Patricia Salinas
Official Court Reporter

March 9, 2021

Re: Minimum standard health protocols for all court proceedings in Dimmit, Maverick, and Zavala Counties

As required by the Supreme Court's Thirty-Sixth Emergency Order Regarding the Covid-19 State of Disaster, I include here the required minimum standard health protocols for all court proceedings in the above referenced counties.

In addition, I have conferred with the judges of the courts with courtrooms in the county buildings and have determined that the following protocols should be adopted.

MINIMUM STANDARD HEALTH PROTOCOLS

The previously submitted Amended Joint Covid-19 Operating Plan for Maverick, Dimmit, and Zavala Counties Judiciary and the Jury Proceeding Addendum to Covid-19 Operating Plan for the Judiciary for each of said counties are hereby adopted as minimum health standard protocols for all court proceedings in courtrooms and throughout all public areas of the court buildings, including a courtroom or any other location being used to conduct court proceedings. Accordingly, screening, social distancing, face coverings, and disinfecting will continue to be employed in all courtrooms and throughout all public areas of the court buildings, or auxiliary locations.

***Note: A judge may impose stricter health protocols in his or her court than those being required herein.**

SCHEDULING

In order to reduce occupancy in the court buildings to the lowest degree possible, in person proceedings must be scheduled to reduce the number of people entering or in the court buildings at any one period of time. Judges in counties with multiple judges in buildings used for court proceedings must coordinate scheduling of any in person proceedings to reduce the number of people in the court buildings at one time by following the procedure detailed below to obtain approval to proceed with in person proceedings.

Notify Judge Amado Abascal, III, in writing at 501 E. Main St., Eagle Pass, Texas 78852, or email aja365judge@co.maverick.tx.us of the interest in conducting any in person proceedings. The notice should include the estimated length to conclude all proceedings on any given date, and the venue for such in person proceedings.

The judges of courts with courtrooms in the buildings covered by these protocols must conduct in person proceedings consistent with the above requirements.

Amado J. Abascal, III

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amado J. Abascal, III".

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