

# Minimum Standard Health Protocols for All Court Proceedings in Anderson County, Texas

Recognizing the need to ensure the health and safety of litigants, attorneys, visitors, court staff, judges, and other individuals entering the courtrooms of the courthouse in Anderson County, the courts of Anderson County 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 orders provided, and the minimum health protocols provided herein.
2. Judges can begin setting in-person proceedings immediately in all Anderson County courts

## Remote Participation

1. Upon request and good cause shown, Judges may permit any court participant other than a juror, to participate remotely in any proceeding, subject to constitutional limits.

## Social Distancing

1. All persons not from the same household are encouraged to maintain social distancing, when feasible.

## Hygiene

1. Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed at the entrances to the building, outside of each courtroom, and inside courtroom.

## Face Coverings

1. Face coverings will be optional in the courtroom/courthouse.

## Court Proceedings

1. Any of the trial courts of Anderson County may take any other reasonable action necessary to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19. **A judge may impose stricter health protocols in his or her court than those required by the adopted minimum standard health protocols set forth herein.**
2. Any of the trial courts of Anderson County may consider as evidence sworn statements made out of court or sworn testimony given remotely, out of court, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means.
3. Any of the trial courts of Anderson County may conduct proceedings away from the court's usual location with reasonable notice and access to the participants and the public.

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I have attempted to confer with all judges of courts with courtrooms in Anderson County regarding these protocols and consulted with the local health authority.

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