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AMENDED JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

The health and safety of attorneys, their clients, the public, and those who work in the courthouse continue to be of paramount importance. Therefore, the county civil courts at law will continue to do their part to address concerns about COVID-19 and public safety. The following information is our updated joint statement regarding health and safety concerns.

First, as the pandemic continues and the county remains in a state of emergency, it is important for us all to stay up to date on information. A few resources that you may find helpful are:

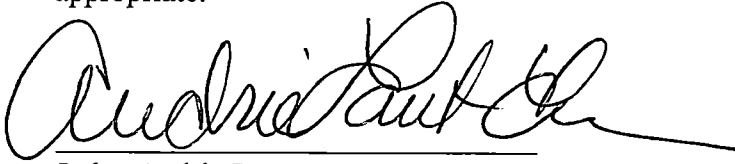
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cdc.gov)
- The Texas Department of State and Health Services (www.dshs.texas.gov)
- The Harris County Public Health Task Force Hotline Number (713) 274-3880; PHTaskForce@eng.hctx.net; (www.publichealth.harriscountyt.gov/Resources/2019-Novel-Coronavirus) and
- The Harris County / City of Houston COVID-19 Data Tracking website: [Harris County COVID-19 Data Hub \(arcgis.com\)](http://Harris County COVID-19 Data Hub (arcgis.com))

At present, the county COVID-19 level is 3. This level is considered “moderate” and the county warns that we should remain vigilant and unvaccinated individuals should continue to mask and physically distance. Fully vaccinated individuals should mask or physically distance where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance. (See [Harris County COVID-19 Data Hub \(arcgis.com\)](http://Harris County COVID-19 Data Hub (arcgis.com)) for more information).

You can prevent the spread of this and other types of respiratory illnesses by:

- Washing hands often and for at least 20 seconds
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) if soap and water are not available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw it in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Finally, for court appearances, if you or your client feel flu-like symptoms, have a fever or other medical condition that prevents you from attending court, please contact the court clerk and/or trial coordinator to discuss options for a remote appearance or resetting your matter. We will give all due consideration for health concerns while continuing to proceed on cases as appropriate.



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