

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
PERRY DISTRICT COURT
33RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

COVID-19 PROTOCOL FOR PERRY DISTRICT COURT

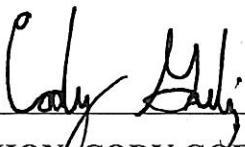
Any/all orders entered by this Court since March 2020 relating to special COVID-19 rules/requirements are HEREBY RESCINDED. This includes, but is not limited to, orders that generally required parties to appear remotely, required plaintiffs provide special notice to opposing parties regarding remote attendance, and required law enforcement/jail officials to include remote attendance information with tickets, summonses, and bail paperwork. In consideration of Kentucky Supreme Court Order 2021-16 and 2021-17, all parties may, and are encouraged to, appear in person for all future hearings in Perry District Court, subject to the following exceptions/requirements:

- The Zoom meeting ID/password (97140115386 / 41701) used in Perry District Court since May 2020 shall continue to be operative until August 1, 2021, and may be used by any party who has good cause to appear remotely, unless they have been ordered to appear in person. The only exception is that parties should appear in person on July 7 and July 14, due to a special judge covering court that date, who will conduct all hearings in person.¹
- In order to ensure the courtroom does not become overcrowded, the Court will prioritize calling cases involving parties who have appeared in person. Attorneys, parties, and witnesses who appear remotely should be prepared for long waits while cases for in-person attendees are called.

¹ Any party unable to attend in person may contact the District Judge's office (606-435-6007) in advance, and their case will be reset to a later date.

- Beginning July 7, 2021, the Kentucky River Regional Jail shall physically bring to court all inmates who have Perry District court dates, unless the below exceptions apply, or other arrangements are made with the Court in advance.
- Persons who are exhibiting symptoms of COVID, who have been instructed to self-quarantine by a medical professional, who have been diagnosed with COVID within the last 14 days, and/or who are unvaccinated *and* had close contact with a COVID-positive individual within the last 14 days may not enter the Perry County Hall of Justice, and should appear remotely (before August 1), or contact the Court to make other arrangements (after August 1).
- After August 1, any remote appearance must be approved by the Court in advance by calling (606) 435-6007.
- While any individual who desires to wear a facemask is allowed to do so, any fully vaccinated² individual is not required to wear a mask. Unvaccinated individuals are still strongly encouraged to wear masks. Persons attending court in person are also encouraged to social distance as much as possible and respect the personal space of others, keeping in mind that some individuals may be more at risk and/or more nervous about COVID than others.

SO ORDERED, this the 18th day of June, 2021.



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JUDGE, PERRY DISTRICT COURT

² An individual is considered “fully vaccinated” two weeks after receiving their final vaccine dose.