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1st Judicial District (Carter, Johnson, Unicoi, Washington)	no	yes	2. Only litigants/defendants appearing on the docket will be permitted into the courthouses. No spectators or support groups will be permitted entry. Clerks in each county will post a notification on the exterior of the courthouse that only the litigants or defendants will be permitted into the courthouse.	no	n/a	no	no	n/a
2nd Judicial District (Sullivan)	no	yes	...only litigants (check the dockets) and attorneys are allowed past the security screens in the front lobby	no	Security checkpoints will be provided with infrared thermometers to take the temperatures of all individuals prior to entry. Employees and the public with temperatures of 100.4 F or greater should leave the premises immediately. Security will ask screening measures related to COVID-19 and have the authority to deny entry.	no	no	n/a
3rd Judicial District (Greene, Hamblen, Hawkins, Hancock)	no	not clear, but implied	(Not clearly spelled out in all the courts covered in this order, but implication is that only litigants)	no	Limit public access to the courthouses to one entrance. At that one entrance, courthouse security personnel (where practicable) will be armed with no contact thermometers where someone's temperature may be taken with a beam to the forehead. Anyone with a fever greater than 100.4 would be turned away. Also, allowing the security personnel to ask questions to those attempting to enter the courthouse about their health situation- fever, cough, etc. Anyone with COVID 19 symptoms will be turned away;	no	no	n/a
4th Judicial District (Cooke, Grainger, Jefferson, Sevier)	no	not clear	(Not clearly spelled out if there is a limit or not a limit on who can attend, but talks about 'lawyers, parties, witnesses, court personnel or other participants'. May imply it's only litigants.)	no	none specified	no	no	n/a
5th Judicial District (Blount)	no	yes	4(c) We will continue the practice of allowing into the courtroom only attorneys, parties, witnesses subpoenaed or named by an attorney, security officers, and other necessary persons, including victims.	no	Temperatures will be taken for any person seeking to enter either building. With respect to any case involving a person who has a temperature, that case will be automatically continued.	no	maybe	(Note 4c) "other necessary persons"
6th Judicial District (Knox)	no	yes	(Chancery Court): The Chancellors will conduct other nonjury hearings in the courtroom one case at a time and subject to adequate spacing among counsel, parties, witnesses and other necessary participants... (Other Matters): Adopting hearings will be limited to the immediate family, DCS home/study workers and counsel will take place in the courtroom rather than in chambers. Due to the current social distancing guidelines, friends and family members outside the immediate family will not be permitted to attend until further notice... (Fourth Circuit): In the event of an in-person proceeding, only the parties to the cases and necessary witnesses shall be allowed in the building. (Criminal Court): All inmate cases will continue to be heard via videoconference, on the record, unless otherwise specifically ordered. (General Sessions Criminal): ...only essential persons in the courtroom. Essential persons are defined to be the judge, court staff, ADAs, defense attorneys, and the defendant(s). (Civil Division) Only essential persons will be allowed in the courtroom. Essential persons are defined to be the judge, court staff, and litigants, their attorneys, and relevant witnesses. (Knox County Juvenile Court): Only parties and their attorneys shall be allowed to enter the building.	no	PBA (Public Building Authority) is aware of and will implement any health screening protocols required by the Knox County Health Department for the protection of the employees who work in the building and the members of the public who come for access to the governmental offices and the courts in the building. Furthermore, PBA and court security officers will monitor the public areas outside the courtrooms for social distancing. (General Sessions): The pre-screening process shall include a brief interview regarding any recent illness or exposure, as well as non-invasive temperature checks... Those persons who shall come before the KCGSC in person (e.g., Parties, attorneys, witnesses, etc.) shall wear a mask or similar person protection equipment while in the court... KCGSC shall not provide masks or other personal protection equipment... In addition, the PBA is posting signage to advise all KCGSC participants of additional requirements (e.g., personal protection equipment) and other relevant information as required."	no	no	n/a
7th Judicial District (Anderson)	no	unclear	That each Judge of each Court shall ensure that there are a maximum of no more than 10 people in a courtroom at any time as it pertains to attorneys and litigants plus the necessary court personnel, such as the Judge, court reporter, security and the clerk while physical distancing is to be maintained.	no	Security at the entrance to the Courtrooms shall also check any other persons who are attempting to enter the Courtroom, and they shall be screened by a touchless thermometer, and any individual with temperatures of 100.4 Fahrenheit shall be required to leave the premises immediately.	no	no	n/a
8th Judicial District (Campbell, Claiborne, Fentress, Scott, Union)	no	not clear, but implied	With the reopening all courthouses and facilities will have clear signage to ... stay in the designated areas until notified, and no entry permitted until their particular case is called... Any person present for court will notify the entry personnel of their presence and the reason for attendance. The name will be taken and the person will be sent back out of the facility to wait for their case.	no	Each reopening court has committed to health screening of all entering, allowing only asymptomatic or otherwise healthy persons to enter. ... These "entry personnel" will check the temperature, observe the general health and demeanor, and inquire into any recent travel or placement of the person. If the person has any higher-risk factors, the judge will be notified and discretion is granted to deny entry and, if necessary, reschedule the proceeding.	no	no	n/a
9th Judicial District (Loudon, Meigs, Morgan, Roane)	no	yes	The only persons allowed to enter and be seated in the gallery of the courtroom will be the parties, their attorneys, victims, and witnesses.	no	In regard to the courthouses located in Meigs County, Morgan County, and Roane County, that contain other county offices, such as County Clerk, Register of Deeds, etc., the sheriff's department will be responsible for ensuring that social distancing guidelines are followed in the hallways outside these offices... The deputies/officers will be allowed to screen individuals by asking questions to determine if the individual is experiencing symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, and if they are, they will be not be allowed to enter the courthouse/justice center/municipal building.	no	no	n/a

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10th Judicial District (Bradley, McMinn, Monroe, Polk)	no	yes	Court officers and other staff shall ensure only litigants and attorneys are allowed past the security checkpoint in the front lobby of the courthouses. Witnesses will only be allowed to enter the courthouse when called in for their testimony at the court hearing. ...Court security will also be provided a court docket in order to ascertain and/or record the person's name, contact number, and business with the court. (Municipal Courts): (Vonore): The courtroom will be limited solely to defendant and/or their attorney. All other person(s) must remain in their vehicles at all times unless instructed to appear before the court. (Athens and Etowah): Social distancing will be observed by having an officer present at the entry door at all times who will collect the cell phone numbers of person(s) appearing and will call them into the courtroom in groups of 5. (Etowah): Only a group of 3 will be allowed inside the courtroom at a time. No other persons will be permitted to enter the court other than the defendant, unless they are with legal representation (i.e. their lawyer) or unless the defendant is a juvenile, which can be accompanied by 1 parent/legal guardian.	no	Anyone with a temperature of 100.3 or greater shall not come to the courthouse...Court security will be allowed to question individuals regarding whether they are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms. If affirmative answers are given, said individual will not be permitted to enter the building. (Sweetwater Municipal Court): The officer will advise all court participants that a mask must be worn at all times, except when addressing the court. Masks will be provided to those without one...	no	no	n/a
11th Judicial District (Hamilton)		yes	(Circuit and Chancery Courts): Only the attorneys, parties, and witnesses necessary to be present in person will be permitted in the courtroom at any one time... No extraneous persons will be permitted in the courtroom. (Criminal Court): ...the Court will permit only the following persons to be present in the courtroom during any in-person proceeding: the immediate parties to the action and their counsel; persons allowed to attend by virtue of Tenn. Const. art. 1 § 35(c); permitted media as approved below; and personnel essential to the functioning of the court. (General Sessions Court): The only persons allowed in the HCGSC criminal or civil courtrooms...are the following: (1) judges and administrators; (2) parties to a case; (3) court clerks; (4) probation employees; (5) district attorneys; (6) public defenders; (7) other civil or criminal attorneys; (8) witnesses; (9) security officers; (10) media; (11) maintenance and sanitation officers, and other necessary persons as determined by HCGSC. (Municipal Court) (Collegedale): ...we will not allow any unnecessary personnel into the courtroom. We will allow one parent for juvenile drivers and one person to assist someone who due to age or physical infirmity requires assistance for mobility or to address another infirmity. We intend to otherwise allow only defendants and witnesses into the courtroom. (Red Bank): ...every attempt will be made to keep non-essential people out of the courtroom. (Soddy-Daisy) However, no one will be allowed to enter into the courtroom, except as specifically granted permission by the Court, as is constitutionally necessary. (Chattanooga) We will not allow any unnecessary personnel into the courtroom. We will allow one parent for juvenile drivers and one person to assist someone who due to age or physical infirmity requires assistance for mobility or to address another infirmity.	(Criminal Court): Members of the public and media may attend video conference proceedings as a room "participant." The Court may "mute" the microphone of any person, including media representatives, who are not parties to the immediate proceeding. Media may also attend any in-person proceeding upon approval by the Criminal Court consistent with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 30.	(Hamilton County courthouse, which houses non-court offices as well): The county mayor is exploring the possibility of obtaining and having installed walk-through security devices which measure temperature. However, until such time as that can be accomplished, the courts in the Hamilton County Courthouse will implement their own temperature-taking protocols as soon as appropriate thermometers can be obtained... (Hamilton County Courts Building): Currently, all persons seeking access to that courts building are having their temperature taken by the Hamilton County Health Department. (All): Each person seeking entry into a courtroom shall answer CDC-recommended questions asked by court personnel. If the answers to these questions indicate no risk of COVID-19 spread, person shall then have his or her temperature measured by a touchless thermometer operated by court personnel who is wearing a mask. If either the questionnaire answers or the temperature reading indicates there is a risk of spread of COVID-19, that person shall be refused admission to the courtroom and the hearing in issue will be rescheduled or adjudicated with evidence and arguments presented by non in-person means. (General Sessions Court): Members of the public (parties, defendants, witnesses) should wear face coverings while inside the Courts building. (Municipal Courts) (Lookout Mountain): All persons wishing to enter Town Hall will first be screened in the "bay" (garage area for Town Hall) by medical personnel or EMT. The screening shall include evaluation and health questions pertinent to COVID-19. (Soddy-Daisy) We will have a screener/officer at the door to enforce the limitations of individuals entering the courtroom, offer hand sanitizer, make sure the individual has a mask and observe them for any signs of illness and question as necessary.	no	yes	(Signal Mountain Town Court) We expect to reasonably accommodate spectators and those accompanying parties for any given case. When the limit of 10 persons in court has been reached, others will be asked to remain outside the courtroom.
12th Judicial District (Bledsoe, Franklin, Grundy, Marion, Rhea, Sequatchie)	no	yes (but provision for media)	(General Rules): Admission to all Courthouses will be limited to Court personnel and essential Courthouse employees, those filing matters and/or pleadings with the Clerk of the Court and/or litigants and counsel for scheduled Court hearings.	(General Rules): Courtroom admission requirements shall not be applied in a manner to preclude counsel from being present during a client's appearance or to preclude media coverage of any proceedings consistent with Rule 30 of the Rules of Tennessee Supreme Court.				
13th Judicial District (Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, White)	no	yes	(Civil Matters): In the event permission to proceed in person is granted, only the judge, the clerk, the attorneys, the parties, security personnel, necessary witnesses, and the court reporter (if any) will be allowed in the courtroom. (Criminal Matters): In the event a judge grants permission to proceed in person as outlined in the immediately preceding paragraph, only the judge, the clerk, the attorneys, the defendant, security personnel, necessary witnesses, victim, and the court reporter (if any) will be allowed in the courtroom.	no	The following persons shall not enter any courthouse, justice center, or other court facility: a. Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, COVID-19. b. Persons with apparent symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, severe cough, or shortness of breath, regardless of whether they have been diagnosed with the same. c. Persons who have been advised to self-quarantine by any physician, hospital, board of health, or other medical provider or health agency, or who reside with anyone who has been advised to self-quarantine.	no	no	n/a
14th Judicial District (Coffee County)	no	yes	In a first move toward normalcy, Courtrooms can be utilized for dockets and in-person hearings with no more than 10 people in a courtroom at any given time (e.g., litigants, attorneys, etc.) plus the necessary court personnel (e.g., judge, court reporter, security, clerk, etc.), while physical distancing is to be maintained. ... Court officers and other staff shall ensure only litigants (check the docket) and attorneys are allowed past the security screens in the front lobby.	no	Sheriff's staff shall screen daily all staff and public that enter into the Justice Center with temperature and symptom checks. Employees and the public with temperatures of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit should leave the premises immediately.	no	no	n/a

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15th Judicial District (Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale, Wilson)	no	yes	(Courtroom Procedure - Chancery - All Counties / Criminal Court - All Counties) The Sheriff's office will make available deputies to stand at the door to inquire of those attending, their name, to obtain their cell number and direct the person to remain in their vehicle until summoned, name of their attorney and to provide a copy of the "Notice to Persons Coming to the Court. Each deputy will have a copy of the court docket listing the names of all persons scheduled to be in court. (Macon and Smith Counties) On all days that court is scheduled to be in session, a Court Officer will be stationed at the entrance to the Justice Center parking lot with a copy of the Court Docket listing the names of all persons scheduled to be in court for that Docket. The Court Officer will stop each vehicle to determine the name of the person coming to court and verify that the person is scheduled to be in court...The Court Officer will direct all occupants to remain inside the vehicle until notified further. When the time for the court session to begin has arrived, the Court Officer shall provide the information obtained from the arriving parties to the Judge....The Judge will determine when, and if, each party can enter the courtroom....Only parties to a case shall be allowed to enter the courtroom. Other persons coming to the parking lot who are not parties, victims or necessary witnesses, and have no business to conduct...shall be directed to either remain in their vehicle or leave. (Jackson and Trousdale Counties): Only Plaintiffs, Defendants, attorneys, clerks, court officers and court personnel will be permitted in the building. (Macon and Smith Counties) On all days that court is scheduled to be in session, a Court Officer will be stationed at the entrance to the Justice Center parking lot with a copy of the Court Docket listing the names of all persons scheduled to be in court for that Docket. The Court Officer will stop each vehicle to determine the name of the person coming to court and verify that the person is scheduled to be in court...The Court Officer will direct all occupants to remain inside the vehicle until notified further. When the time for the court session to begin has arrived, the Court Officer shall provide the information obtained from the arriving parties to the Judge....The Judge will determine when, and if, each party can enter the courtroom. (General Sessions) (Wilson County): Only attorneys, litigants, and essential witnesses will be allowed in the courthouse. No friends, family, or other emotional support persons will be allowed to enter the courthouse. (Jackson County): ...only...the defendant, the victim and necessary witnesses shall be allowed in the courtroom. (Macon County and Smith County) The judge will determine when, and if, each party can enter the courtroom. (Municipal Courts) (generally, most required to wait outside until called in for their case, and only litigants allowed... Gainsboro has continued all court until August 2020).	no	(Courtroom Procedure - Chancery - All Counties / Criminal Court - All Counties) Upon entry to the courthouse, Security will check body temperatures, via contactless infrared thermometer. Refusal will result in denial of entry to the building. Any person with a temperature of 100.4 or above will be required to immediately leave the building. All other persons will be immediately directed to use the hand sanitizer stations located at the front of the building, before proceeding further into the building. The following pre-screening questions shall be asked and the answers recorded: a)"Do you have a cough?" b) "Do you have a fever?" c) Have you had contact with anyone diagnosed with Covid-19 or anyone that is awaiting testing results for COVID-19?" d) "Have you traveled outside of the United States within the last 14 days? An affirmative response to even one of the above four questions will result in the denial of entry to the building. Security will advise the Defendant of his/her new court date and notify the Clerk and Master of the same.	no	no	n/a
16th Judicial District (Rutherford, Canon)	no	yes	Rutherford County Judicial Center: Only attorneys, clients and others directly involved in a case will be allowed entry into the Rutherford County Judicial Center building... No minors will be allowed in the Rutherford County Judicial Center building without leave of Court. (Cannon County Courthouse): Only attorneys, clients and others directly involved with the case will be allowed entry into the building. (Town of Smyrna Judicial Building) Only defendants will be allowed in the courtroom. Any and all others shall remain in their vehicles. (Rutherford County Circuit Criminal): No one other than attorneys, officers, litigants, or defendants will be allowed entry into courtroom without leave of court. While open courts are a very basic and important part of the American judicial system, this requirement shall be stayed until the expiration of this crisis. (Circuit Civil and Chancery) Court security personnel will be provided with a docket of each day's cases which shall list the parties so they may inquire to the person's identity. Security will also ask other individuals wishing to enter whether they are a witness prior to granting access. The Judge, prior to calling the docket, will survey those individuals in the courtroom to ensure they are a party, lawyer, or a testifying witness. Anyone who does not meet these criteria will be required to exit the building immediately. Security shall be called and all non-qualifying individuals shall be escorted from the building. (LaVergne Municipal Court): City Hall lobby will be closed to the public (until June 10)... Those persons on the docket will remain in their vehicles in the parking lot. Those persons on the docket will remain in their vehicles in the parking lot. (Woodbury Municipal Court): Only people cited into court and their attorney will be permitted in the courtroom. (Rutherford County Clerk and Master): If it is necessary for the public to enter the office, they would be allowed in one (1) person (attorney plus client) at a time.	no	Rutherford County Judicial Center, Cannon County Courthouse, Town of Smyrna Judicial Building: Before entry, patrons will have their temperature scanned. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 F or above, will be denied entry into the building. (LaVergne Municipal Court): Masks will be required for anyone entering City Hall... Everyone's temperature will be checked with a touch-less thermometer. Anyone who has a temperature above the CDC recommended limit will not be allowed in the court room. Everyone will be asked a series of questions as prescribed by the CDC to identify any symptoms of COVID-19. (Woodbury Municipal Court): Upon approaching the building entrance, persons coming to court for a hearing will be met at the front door by a court officer who will administer a temperature scan with equipment provided by the Cannon County EMT Service. Those persons with a reading of 100.4 F or more will not be permitted to enter the building. 4. Prior to admittance, persons coming to court for a hearing will be given a mask (Eagleville Municipal Court): All participants and staff will be asked to wear face masks. The City will not provide masks...Each participant will be documented by name and temperature, and that they successfully answered CDC advisory questions.	no	no	n/a

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17th Judicial District (Bedford, Lincoln, Marshall, Moore)	no	yes and no	(Bedford County, Moore County, Marshall County, Lincoln County - circuit, criminal, chancery): CST (Courthouse Security Team) will be supplied a docket in order to ascertain and/or record the person's name, contact number and business with the court... If sufficient seating capacity exists after priority seating, the courtroom will be open to the general public... (Bedford County General Sessions Civil Court) Only parties to the litigation for a particular case shall be allowed in the courtroom. (Bedford County General Sessions Criminal Court): Only defendants, alleged victims, attorneys and court staff shall be allowed in the courtroom for the purpose of preserving space for necessary parties. (Bedford County Juvenile Court): Only attorneys, juveniles and their parents and/or guardians, alleged victims, parents accused in dependency and neglect proceedings, court staff and Department of Children's Services staff/Service Providers may gain admittance inside the courtroom.	no	CST will be allowed to question individuals regarding whether they are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms. If affirmative answers are given, said individual will not be permitted to enter the building... CST is encouraged to utilize touchless thermometers as an additional measure to screen individuals before entry into the courthouse. Any individual with an elevated body temperature of 100 or greater will not be allowed to enter.	no	yes	(Circuit, Criminal, Chancery): If sufficient seating capacity exists after priority seating, the courtroom will be open to the general public.
18th Judicial District (Sumner)	no	yes	(Sumner County Juvenile Court): Only attorneys and parties to the specific action called by the court shall be allowed in the courtroom during a hearing. Witnesses will be called to the courtroom, as needed. No children (other than those called as witnesses), onlookers, supporters, or other non-parties shall be allowed in the courthouse or the courtroom. (Sumner County Courthouse - Chancery and Circuit): The number of persons in the courthouse shall be limited to essential personnel necessary to conduct court business, including court staff and clerk's office personnel, court security officers, the parties, their attorneys, and necessary witnesses. Persons having business with the clerk's office shall go directly to and from that office, after being properly screened. (General Sessions): Children (other than those called as witnesses) onlookers, reporters, or other non-parties shall not be allowed in the Courthouse or in the courtroom. (Municipal Courts had various plans, some that request people not to bring along extra people who don't need to be there, others making no mention of limitations. One allows adult defendants to have family/friends there.)	no (reporters are specifically excluded from General Sessions courts)	(Sumner County Juvenile Court Building): Screening shall be completed by both touchless thermometer and questionnaire. Any person exhibiting a temperature of 100.4 or higher shall not be allowed in the courthouse. Any person who fails to comply with either requirement shall not be allowed in the courthouse. (Sumner County Courthouse -Chancery and Circuit Courts): Screening shall be completed by both touchless thermometer and questionnaire. Any person who (1) answers "Yes" to any of the screening questions or (2) is exhibiting a temperature of 100.4 or higher shall not be allowed in the courthouse and shall be directed to leave the premises immediately and seek medical care and/or COVID-19 testing, per CDC guidelines. Any person who fails to comply with either requirement shall not be allowed in the courthouse.	no	no	
19th Judicial District (Montgomery & Robertson Counties) -	no	yes (but provision for the media)	Courtroom admission for cases on the docket shall be limited to the parties...attorneys, defendants and authorized court personnel. Victims may be present in the courtroom but may be restricted to one support person.	Courtroom admission requirements shall not be applied...to preclude media coverage of any proceeding consistent with Rule 30 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.	none listed	no	no	n/a
20th Judicial District (Davidson County)	no	yes and no	(General Procedures): Support persons (family/friends of litigants/witnesses) shall be permitted in the courtroom only at the discretion of the judge. (Circuit Courts except 3rd, 4th, 7th): The lawyers will be advised to tell their clients that relatives and other interested parties who are not witnesses, unless specific permission is granted by a particular judge, will not be allowed to attend in order to minimize the number of people in the courthouses/court rooms. (2nd Circuit Court for criminal and probate): Only those members of the public be admitted into the courthouses that are absolutely necessary to conduct business. (7th Circuit): In light of limitations on the number of persons permitted in the Courtroom, members of the general public will not be permitted to be in attendance during in-person proceedings. (Juvenile Court): We will limit admission to the Juvenile Justice Center to attorneys, parties and their children, and persons needing Clerk/Court assistance and their children... (General Sessions): Only those members of the public be admitted into the courthouses that are necessary to conduct business.	Courtroom admission requirements shall not be applied in a manner to preclude media coverage of any proceedings consistent with Rule 30 of the Tennessee Supreme Court Rules. Since each Court will be conducting their respective proceedings in various manners including, but not limited to, telephone conferencing, video conferencing, live streaming, etc., in the event any media outlet or any member of the public wishes to watch and/or listen to any particular Court proceedings, that person(s) must contact a staff member of that particular Court in order to determine how to watch and/or listen to the requested Court proceeding.		yes, public included (see Column E, provision for news media, which describes proceedings conducted by telephone, video conferencing, etc...)	yes	(General Procedures): Support persons (family/friends of litigants/witnesses) shall be permitted in the courtroom only at the discretion of the judge. (Chancery Court): (includes "observers" among those required to maintain social distancing within the courthouse.)

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22nd Judicial District (Giles, Lawrence, Maury, Wayne)	no	yes (but provision for the media)	Admission to all Courthouses will be limited to Court personnel and essential Courthouse employees, those filing matters and/or pleadings with the Clerk of the court and/or litigants and counsel for scheduled Court hearings.	Courtroom admission requirements shall not be applied in a manner...to preclude media coverage of any proceeding consistent with Rule 30 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.	Security personnel will be stationed at the entrance of each Courthouse and be equipped with a touchless thermometer and no one will be allowed entrance whose body temperature exceeds 100 degrees.	no	no	n/a
23rd Judicial District (Cheatham, Dickson, Houston, Humphreys, Stewart)	no	yes	Only parties, witnesses and attorneys will be allowed into the courtroom.	no		no	no	n/a
24th Judicial District (Benton, Carroll, Decatur, Hardin, Henry)	yes	yes (but provision for media)	(1) Attendance at in-person court proceedings will be limited to the parties, their counsel, court personnel, and witnesses.	Understanding that public access to the court is of utmost importance to the public and our judicial system, one location in every courtroom will be reserved for media, and one member of the media will be allowed into court proceedings on a first come basis. Current media credentials shall be presented before access will be granted.	B. It will be encouraged that, when practical, a health screening, such as temperature check, questioning or observation, be used before a person who is scheduled to attend a court proceeding is allowed into a building to attend a court proceeding. C. It will be encouraged that the use of a face covering be required before admittance into a building to attend a court proceeding is allowed.	maybe	maybe	(b) Exceptions to those who may attend an individual court proceeding can be made on a case by case basis by the Judge.
25th Judicial District (Fayette, Hardeman, Lauderdale, McNairy, Tipton)	no	yes	Security will be instructed to limit access to the courtroom to only those who have cases pending on that particular day.	no	Security officers will be administering a questionnaire of health questions suggested by the CDC to all persons and if any answers to said health questions are a yes, the person's case will be reset. When thermometers are available, temperatures will be taken by security officers using a touchless thermometer of all persons coming in the building. If the temperature reading is over 100.4, per CDC guidelines, said person will not be allowed in the building.	no	no	n/a
26th Judicial District (Chester, Henderson, Madison)	yes	yes (but provision for media)	Attendance at in-person court proceedings will be limited to the parties, their counsel, court personnel, and witnesses.	B. Understanding that public access to the court is of utmost importance to the public and our judicial system, one location in every courtroom will be reserved for media, and one member of the media will be allowed into court proceedings on a first come basis. Current media credentials shall be presented before access will be granted.	B. It will be encouraged that, when practical, a health screening, such as temperature check, questioning or observation, be used before a person who is scheduled to attend a court proceeding is allowed into a building to attend a court proceeding. C. It will be encouraged that the use of a face covering be required before admittance into a building to attend a court proceeding is allowed.	maybe	maybe	(b) Exceptions to those who may attend an individual court proceeding can be made on a case by case basis by the Judge.

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27th Judicial District (Obion, Weakley)	no	yes (but provision for media)	Subject to the safety protocols identified below, the Court will permit only the following persons to be present in the Courtroom during "in-person" proceedings: the immediate parties to the action and their counsel; persons allowed to attend by virtue of Tennessee Constitution Art. 1, §35 (c) - Victims of Criminal Offenses; permitted media as approved below; and personnel essential to the functions of the Court	2. MEDIA REQUESTS Members of the media may attend any "in-person" court proceeding consistent with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 30, under the Court's "safety protocols":	In conjunction with the Sheriff's staff and municipal police departments, all persons will be screened prior to entry to help ensure that symptoms are not currently present or manifesting, and to help ensure that other risk factors are not present. Each person shall be asked to report on the information below, and no person will be allowed admittance that answers affirmatively to any category of information. Persons who presently or who have exhibited health conditions in the previous twenty-four (24) hours involving a fever over 100.4, a persistent cough, any shortness of breath, any persistent chest pain, or bluish lips or face. Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 within the past fourteen (14) days. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency. Persons who have had a recent onset of loss of taste or smell.	no	no	n/a
28th Judicial District (Crockett, Gibson, Haywood)	no	yes (but provision for media)	Subject to the safety protocols identified in other parts of this order, each Court will permit only the following persons to be present in the Courtroom during "in-person" proceedings: 1. the immediate parties to the action and their counsel; 2. persons allowed to attend by virtue of Tennessee Constitution Art. 1, §35 (c) - Victims of Criminal Offenses; 3. permitted media as approved below; and 4. personnel essential to the functions of the Court 2. MEDIA REQUESTS Members of the media may attend any "in-person" court proceeding consistent with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 30, under the Court's "safety protocols":.....MUNICIPAL COURTS: Court officers and other staff shall ensure only litigants (check the docket) and attorneys are allowed past the security screens at court building entrances. No one other than attorneys, officers, litigants, or defendants will be allowed entry into courtroom without leave of court. While open courts are a very basic and important part of the American judicial system, this requirement shall be stayed until the expiration of this crisis;	2. MEDIA REQUESTS Members of the media may attend any "in-person" court proceeding consistent with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 30, under the Court's "safety protocols":	all persons will be screened prior to entry to help ensure that symptoms are not currently present or manifesting, and to help ensure that other risk factors are not present. Each person shall be asked to report on the information below, and no person will be allowed admittance who answers affirmatively to any category of information. 1. Persons who presently or who have exhibited health conditions in the previous twenty-four (24) hours involving a fever over 100.4, a persistent cough, any shortness of breath, any persistent chest pain, or bluish lips or face. 2. Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 within the past fourteen (14) days. 3. Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency. 4. Persons who have had a recent onset of loss of taste or smell.	no	no	n/a
29th Judicial District (Dyer, Lake Counties)	no	yes	Signs announcing who will be allowed to attend a court proceeding should be posted outside the building entrance. ... A court docket that includes the names of the parties, counsels, and the time set for each case will be provided each day to local officials. This docket is to be used to regulate entrance into the building.	no	It will be encouraged that, when practical, a health screening, such as temperature check, questioning or observation, be used before a person who is scheduled to attend a court proceeding is allowed into a building to attend a court proceedings.	no	no	n/a
30th Judicial District (Shelby)	no	yes (but provision for media)	(General Rules) 6. Only litigants will be allowed in the courthouse. No spectators or friends will be permitted in the Courthouse....10. These general procedures are applicable to all Courts in the 30th Judicial District. These general procedures control, even if any individual Court plans contain procedures in conflict with these general procedures. (Chancery Court): No spectators, friends, or other individuals who have no Courthouse business be permitted in the Courthouse. a. Pursuant to approval by the Shelby County Sheriff's Office, Courthouse security personnel shall inform anyone attempting to enter the Courthouse that entry is restricted to those with business and/or case(s) and signs to this effect will be posted at the entryway prior to entry. (Probate Court) Support personnel will be permitted at the discretion of the judge. (General Sessions Civil Court): Only litigants and lawyers appearing on the docket will be allowed in the courtroom...No spectators, friends or other individuals who have no Courthouse business will be permitted in the Courthouse. (Criminal Court): 3. ... The courtroom deputies will control access to the courtroom and only allow those persons whose cases are being handled at any particular time admittance... 4. Additional persons who accompany a defendant to court will not be allowed into the building unless that person is a witness needed for a hearing and whose presence has been requested by counsel. A defense support person will be allowed. Victims and support persons will be allowed but th enumber must be limited to what is necessary. The press will be allowed entry if they abide by Rule 30 of the Tennessee Supreme Court and they pass the screening questions. (Germantown Municipal Court): Only defendants on the docket will be allowed into the buiding. No spectators, children, support persons or groups will be allowed to accompany defendants for any reason. (Shelby County Sheriff's Office Plan for Reopening the Courts, All Courthouses): Only people directly impacted by litigation will be allowed entry (litigants, victims, witnesses). Children who are not involved in the litigation will not be allowed entry.	(Chancery Court): Media requests for access to court proceedings must be directed to the Clerk and Master (as is our current procedure). Media access will be permitted in compliance with court rules. Social distancing and maximum capacities will be considered in determining the extent of media access inside the courtroom. (Probate Court): Because of the nature of the matters handled in Probate, it is rare that the media seeks access to hearings. Media access will be allowed in compliance with the law and the Court rules. (General Sessions Civil Court): Media requests for access to court proceedings will need to be directed to the Judge's administrative office staff (as is our current procedure). Media access will be allowed to the extent that it is now, at the discretion of the judge and in compliance with court rules. Social distancing and maximum capacities will be considered in determining the extent of media access inside the courtroom. (Criminal Court): 4. ... The press will be allowed entry if they abide by Rule 30 of the Tennessee Supreme Court and they pass the screening questions.				

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31st Judicial District (Van Buren, Warren)	no	yes	Only litigants/defendants appearing on the docket will be permitted into the courthouses. No spectators or support groups will be permitted entry. Clerks in each county will post a notification on the exterior of the courthouse that only the litigants or defendants will be permitted into the courthouse.	no	Clerks/Court Security Personnel will, where practicable, utilize screening measures available and the relevant COVID-19 health questions prior to entry into the courthouses of the district for litigants/defendants, attorneys, probation officers, etc.	no	no	n/a