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NEWS RELEASE

COVID-19 Notice: Harold R. Banke Justice Complex to Provide Virtual Services

(Jonesboro, GA)-Recent confirmed cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) have prompted the need to implement temporary virtual services only at the Harold R. Banke Justice Center, which is located at 9151 Tara Boulevard.

In an amended order dated April 5, 2020, Chief Judge Geronda Carter of the Clayton County Superior Court stated, "multiple cases of COVID-19 have been identified in the Harold R. Banke Justice Center, despite the courts and clerks' offices therein having made every attempt to limit access to only essential functions".

As a result, the Clayton County Department of Public Health, along with the Clayton County Office of Emergency Management have recommended a 14-day quarantine for all individuals who work at the justice center, during which time the facility will be thoroughly decontaminated and disinfected. Given the nature of the emergency as declared throughout the state, there is no other physical location for public access to each of the courts and clerks' offices within the Justice Center, except for those services that can be conducted virtually.

Therefore, **all activities**, unless such matter can be conducted via video or teleconferencing, are suspended. Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, during the period of this Order, the undersigned hereby suspends, tolls, extends, and otherwise grants relief from all deadlines or other time schedules or filing requirements imposed by otherwise applicable statutes, rules, regulations, or court orders, whether in civil or criminal cases or administrative matters, including, but not limited to:

- (1) A statute of limitation;
- (2) The time within which to issue a warrant;
- (3) The time within which to try a case for which a demand for speedy trial has been filed;

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- (4) The time within which to hold a commitment hearing;
- (5) A deadline or other schedule regarding the detention of a juvenile;
- (6) The time within which to return a bill of indictment or an accusation or to bring a matter before the grand jury;
- (7) The time within which to file a writ of habeas corpus;
- (8) The time within which discovery or any aspect thereof is to be completed;
- (9) The time within which to serve a party;
- (10) The time within which to appeal or seek the right to appeal any order, ruling, or other determination; and
- (11) and such other legal proceedings as may be determined to be necessary.

For more information, access <https://www.claytoncountyga.gov/government/courts> .

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