



## PALESTINE MUNICIPAL GUIDELINES PER OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATION

### Face Coverings

- All individuals entering the court building will be required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Individuals will be encouraged to bring cloth face coverings with them, but if the individual does not have a cloth face covering, a disposable face mask will be provided.

### Screening

- When individuals attempt to enter the court building, an officer will ask the individuals if they are feeling feverish; have a cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing; or have been in close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19. Individuals who indicate yes to any of these questions will be refused admittance to the court building.
- When individuals attempt to enter the court building, an officer will use an infrared thermometer to determine the temperature of the individual. Individuals whose temperature equals or exceeds 100.0°F will be refused admittance to the court building.

### Vulnerable Populations

- Individuals who are over age 65 and individuals with serious underlying health conditions, such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy are considered to be vulnerable populations. The individuals are not required to appear but can contact court staff at 903-731-8433 to be informed of their options.

### Social Distancing

- All persons not from the same household who are permitted in the court building will be required to maintain adequate social distancing of at least 6 feet. Seats have been marked in the courtroom; a maximum of 28 people are allowed in at one time.

**\*\* Defendants are encouraged to contact court staff for available options that does not require an appearance. Call the court at 903-731-8433. \*\***