

## COVID-19 Court Information

The Southaven Municipal Court is limiting the number of people allowed inside the courtroom in accordance with orders issued by the Mississippi Supreme Court and guidance issued by the CDC.

If you have an upcoming court date scheduled, please be aware of the following:

- Anyone entering the courtroom will be screened for COVID-19 which may include answering basic health questions and having their temperature taken.
- The wearing of face masks is required pursuant to the governor's executive order #1507.
- Social distancing will be enforced inside the courtroom.
- Only the defendant, counsel for the defendant and subpoenaed witnesses will be allowed to attend the hearing. NO OTHER PARTIES will be permitted in the courtroom.

Additionally, we ask everyone with an upcoming court date to please:

- Call the clerk's office at 662-393-7042 Option 3 *prior* to your court date to see what your options are for appearing in court. It might be possible to resolve your case without having to appear in person.
- You may check to see when your court date is scheduled by going to [www.southaven.org/courtrecords](http://www.southaven.org/courtrecords).
- Any defendant who has retained their own private attorney (not a public defender) will not be required to appear in person unless their case is scheduled for a trial or other hearing. If your case is scheduled for a trial or other hearing, you will be asked to wait in your vehicle in the parking lot until your private attorney calls you to come inside the building.
- If you have received a subpoena to appear, you must contact a clerk upon your arrival so that prosecutors and defense counsel can be notified you are here and your case can be handled as expeditiously as possible.