

**Mask Rules for those conducting Court Business in the  
Cameron County Judicial Building:**

Pursuant to the Texas Supreme Court's 36<sup>th</sup> Emergency Order which states, "courts may take any reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19, including requiring compliance with social distancing protocols and face coverings worn over the nose and mouth. " and Attorney General Opinion KP-0322, which states "judges possess broad inherent authority to control orderly proceedings in their courtrooms, and pursuant to that authority, they can require individuals in the courtroom to wear facial coverings" and "may require any person entering the courthouse in which they preside to wear a facial covering while in the courthouse", **individuals entering the Cameron County Judicial Building for court in any of the County Court at Law Courts, District Courts, Child Protection Court and Child Support Court will be required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth. This requirement includes all participants, parties and anyone wishing to enter one of these courtrooms. Failure to properly wear your mask will result in your removal from courtrooms. This requirement includes those entering the courthouse for Jury duty and extends to areas being utilized to conduct jury selection.**

The Governor's GA-36 Executive order does not alter the Supreme Court's current emergency order, the ability of a judge to control his or her courtroom, or requirements for those entering a court building who will be attending a court proceeding.

-Cameron County Board of Judges

