

## Covid-19 Procedures:

### Health Safety Guidelines:

Pursuant to Emergency Order of the Texas Supreme Court, any participant in a proceeding is required to alert the court if the participant has, or knows of another participant who has: (i) COVID-19 or flu-like symptoms, or a fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, diarrhea; or (ii) been in close contact with a person who is confirmed to have COVID-19.

We ask that you help us take any reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19.

**If you are ill, do not appear for your setting with Dallas County Court at Law No. 1.**

### Remote Hearing Procedures:

In compliance with the Emergency Order of the Supreme Court of Texas, Dallas County Court at Law No. 1 will conduct the majority of its proceedings remotely. Motion hearings, bench trials and eviction appeal trials will be conducted by videoconference using CourtCall.

Trial exhibits should be provided directly to the court reporter and provided to opposing parties at least 48 hours in advance of the trial date.

Status Conferences will be conducted by videoconference using Microsoft Teams.

**No physical appearance will be required unless otherwise stated.**

Dismissal, disposition and retain settings will be conducted by telephone. Counsel must call the court coordinator the morning of their setting between 9:00 am and 11:00 am.

### In-Person Procedures:

Any in-person proceedings such as jury trials, eviction appeal trials or evidentiary hearings will only proceed in accordance to the Guidance for All Court Proceedings During COVID-19 Pandemic issued by the Office of Court Administration. Restrictions and precautions such as face masks, gloves, social distancing, maximum group size and other safety procedures will be enforced.

The Court may allow or require anyone involved in any hearing, deposition, or other proceeding of any kind...to participate remotely, such as by teleconferencing, videoconferencing, or other means.