

PROCEDURES FOR MH SPECIAL REVIEW DOCKET (SPRD) (during COVID-19 State of Emergency)

Everyone entering the courthouse will have their temperatures checked at the courthouse door when going through security.

Only ten (10) people are allowed in any courtroom at any one time.

There will be a Travis County Sheriff's Officer (TCSO) stationed at the doors at the front of the SPRD courtroom, limiting only ten (10) people in the courtroom at any one time.

The following people are allowed in the SPRD courtroom and each person must stay at least six (6) feet from one another:

Judge (1)

Bailiff (1)

Defense Attorney (1)

County Attorney (1) only if needed

Defendant (1)

Clerk (1)

Judicial Aide (1)

Probation Officer (1) only if needed

Only 3 people will be allowed in the Mental Health Docket room at a time: judicial aide, prosecutor, defense attorney.

Defense attorneys will sit in the seats outside the courtroom at least six (6) feet apart until their turn to negotiate with the prosecution. Defense Attorneys finishing paperwork and waiting to be called to the SPRD courtroom will work in seats outside the courtroom.

Once all paperwork is signed by County Attorney, Defense Counsel, and Defendant, then Defense Counsel will inform the Bailiff so client can be brought to the SPRD courtroom. Again, only one defendant and one defense attorney will be in the SPRD courtroom at any one time.

To comply with the open courtroom requirement, if there are family members who want to be present, the Court will make the determination who should be excused to maintain compliance with limiting only ten (10) people in the courtroom at any one time.

Parties not maintaining these rules will be asked by TCSO to remove themselves from the courtroom.

There will be hand sanitizer located throughout both courtrooms and in the hallways for use.

Please understand these procedures are for everyone's safety and are subject to change.