

**IN THE TRIAL COURTS OF WALLER COUNTY, TEXAS**  
506<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court, Waller County Court at Law;  
The Local Municipal Courts and The Justice Courts of Waller County, Texas

**COVID-19 Operating Plan  
For the Waller County Judiciary**


All prior COVID-19 Operating Plans are hereby replaced with this COVID-19 Operating Plan. In accordance with the 40th Emergency Order of the Supreme Court of Texas Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster, dated July 19, 2021, this Court finds that this COVID-19 Operating Plan for the Waller County Judiciary shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Supreme Court of Texas, or this Court.

Emergency Order 40 replaces Emergency Order 38 and permits the Local Administrative Judge courts to modify or suspend deadlines and procedures through October 1, 2021. It further encourages trial courts to continue to use reasonable efforts to hold proceedings remotely; permits trial courts to hold in-person proceedings, including jury trials; permits trial courts to hold virtual jury proceedings in certain cases; extends the possession and access to a child provisions from previous orders; and other specified actions.

All Waller County Trial Courts shall follow the 40th Emergency Order of the Supreme Court of Texas Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster as well as the COVID-19 Operating Plan for Conducting Jury Trials for Waller County, Texas as adopted and promulgated by the Waller County Administrative Law Judge dated August 31, 2021, and provided on the Administrative Law Judge's website located at [www.court506.com](http://www.court506.com). All Waller County Trial Courts shall have the authority to promulgate and implement additional rules and regulations as that Court feels is necessary to protect the health and safety of any and all participants in their respective Courts while insuring the administration of Justice is done.

This Operating Plan is effective September 1, 2021, and extended until further Order of the Supreme Court of Texas, or until further Order of this Court.

Dated August 31, 2021.

  
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GARY W. CHANEY  
JUDGE, PRESIDING  
Local Administrative District Judge