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**General Sessions Civil Court Reopening Post Pandemic**

(Memphis, TN JULY 27, 2021) General Sessions Civil Court (GS) will completely open to the public August 2, 2021 for hearings. GS Civil Court has been operating under restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020. Within guidelines of the CDC, the case docket amount decreased to hearing fifty cases per division; only three out of six divisions were hearing cases; masks were required upon entering the building and the courtrooms, and a distancing requirement of staying six feet apart between litigants was in affect.

Since Spring 2021, the COVID restrictions have been lifted by the Tennessee Supreme Court. The intent was to allow General Sessions the ability to return to normal operations to serve the public at a greater capacity.

- All 6 divisions will be open and hearing up to 100 cases per docket
- Masks are not required upon entering the courthouse but are to enter the courtrooms
- Distance requirements reduced from 6ft. to 3ft.
- Reset letters are being sent out to litigants informing them of their new rescheduled court date
- Any change of address must be reported to General Sessions by litigants to update their information in order to receive reset letters.

In addition, the General Sessions Civil Court is fully operational and can be reached for more information or concerns at the following numbers:

General Information: 901-222-3400  
Court Support: 901-222-3416  
Data Entry: 901-222-3419

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