

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF DOUGLAS
COUNTY
DOUGLAS JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF GEORGIA**

**TO THE HONORABLE NELS PETERSON, CHIEF JUSTICE,
GEORGIA SUPREME COURT
TO THE JUDGES AND CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF STATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF MAGISTRATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF PROBATE COURT
TO THE JUDGE(S) AND CLERK OF JUVENILE COURT**

**ORDER CLOSING COURTHOUSE AND
DECLARATION OF JUDICIAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a judicial emergency exists in this county such that there is either a state of emergency as declared by the Governor, a weather emergency, or a state of emergency as declared by the Douglas County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, the emergency substantially endangers or infringes upon the normal functioning of the judicial system, the ability of persons to avail themselves of the judicial system, or the ability of litigants or others to have access to the courts or meet scheduled or time deadlines imposed by the court order or rule, statute of administrative rule or regulation;

IT IS ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-61, the Courts of **DOUGLAS** County shall be closed **Monday, January 26, 2026**.

Further notice will be provided should conditions warrant an extension of this closure. Updates will be posted at www.douglascountyga.gov and shared on social media.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 38-3-62, all court deadlines, time schedules or filing requirements are hereby suspended, tolled, or extended for the duration of the judicial emergency as noted above; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, to satisfy the continuity of operations of the court system, and to ensure that the Douglas County community has access to justice during this weather emergency and closure, individuals may contact the courts as follows:


- If you have an **emergency** that requires the court's involvement, or need to speak to a court official on an emergency basis, please call 470-308-4428 or email jricks@douglascountyga.gov
- If you are experiencing an immediate emergency, please call 911 or the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 770-942-2121.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Sheriff or his/her designee shall post a copy of this notice on the courthouse doors; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Superior Court, or his/her designee, shall immediately notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the Clerks of the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court by sending them a copy of this notice; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the County Manager, or his/her designee, shall post a copy of this notice and any subsequent modification or extension in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 38-3-63 by posting it on the county website or other appropriate public address system.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of January, 2026


Cynthia C. Adams, Chief Judge
Douglas County Superior Court

CC:

Superior Court Judge Deah Warren
Superior Court Judge Lauren Wallace
Chief State Court Judge Eddie Barker
State Court Judge Brian Fortner
State Court Judge Susan Camp
Chief Juvenile Court Judge Michelle Harrison
Juvenile Court Judge Talia Nurse
Chief Magistrate Court Judge Zaine Hedge
Probate Court Judge Valerie Vie
Douglas County Commission Chair Romona Jackson-Jones
Douglas County Sheriff Tim Pounds
Courthouse Security Captain Trent Wilson
Douglas County Administrator Dr. David Corbin
Douglas County Communications & Community Relations, Yvette Jones
District Attorney Dalia Racine
Chief Public Defender Monica Myles
Solicitor General Sonya Compton
Clerk of Court Annetta Stembridge
Department of Community Supervision