

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
LASALLE, BUREAU AND GRUNDY COUNTIES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. 21-46

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Procedures for COVID-19 Coronavirus

It is hereby ordered with respect to all court facilities (courtrooms, Judge's chambers, court reporter offices, jury assembly room, attorney conference room, etc.) in any courthouse within the 13th Judicial Circuit that Administrative Orders 20-13, 20-27 and 20-34 are rescinded and replaced with this Order.

Effective immediately, until further order of the Court and pursuant to, and under the authority granted by Illinois Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370 entered on May 27, 2021, "In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency," court proceedings and operations in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit shall be as stated herein.

The Chief Judge of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, having considered the recommendations of the CDC, IDPH, local health agencies and in conjunction with the Governor's Executive Orders and Illinois Supreme Court Orders, deems that public health conditions within the Circuit permit the continuance of full court operations and services to the citizens of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, while still protecting the health and welfare of all Court staff and patrons, and the community at large, hereby orders as follows:

All Courts in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit shall continue to remain fully operational subject to the provisions herein and applicable Illinois Supreme Court orders, rules and policies.

Screening. A health screening will no longer be conducted by county or court officials prior to entering the courthouse. Individuals should not enter the court facility if they feel sick, have flu-like symptoms or illness, including, but not limited to, fever, cough, or shortness of breath; have been directed to quarantine, self-isolate or self-monitor at home by a medical provider or reside or have regular close contact with a person currently subject to a quarantine or isolation direction issued by a medical provider or public health official and are not themselves fully vaccinated.

Mask or Face covering. All court staff, attorneys, litigants, witnesses, jurors and all other individuals who are over the age of 2 years and able to medically tolerate a mask or face covering must wear a mask or face covering if they are NOT fully vaccinated (COVID-19) and unable to maintain a six-foot social distance while within any court facility (as described above) of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit.

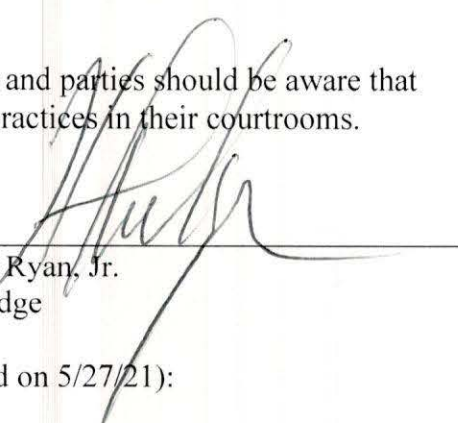
Physical distancing and mask or face covering requirements shall not apply to any person who is fully vaccinated (COVID-19) while within any court facility (as described above) of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit unless otherwise required by the Presiding Judge.

The Court will not routinely screen persons to determine their vaccination status, but it reserves the right to inquire as to any person's vaccination status and/or to require proof thereof. An attorney's election not to wear a mask will be interpreted as a representation to the Court under Supreme Court Rule 3.3 that the attorney has been fully vaccinated.

Individual Judge/Courtroom Order. Attorneys and parties should be aware that individual judges may issue their own guidance and practices in their courtrooms.

Entered: _____

6/15/2021



H. Chris Ryan, Jr.
Chief Judge

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