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THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-M-36  
Madison and Bond Counties

**Third Judicial Circuit COVID-19 Resurgence Response**

**Effective December 21, 2020**, and pursuant to, and under the authority granted by, Illinois Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency*, only essential court matters and proceedings shall be heard in the Third Judicial Circuit in order to protect the health and safety of court patrons, staff, judges and the general public.

**WHEREAS**, for those reasons mentioned in prior Third Circuit Administrative Orders previously entered, and reference therein to various Orders of the Illinois Supreme Court (M.R. 30370), all dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, given the recent record number of COVID-19 infections and its rapid resurgence within Madison County; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate to update prior Administrative Orders, taking access to justice and public safety into account and upon considering guidance received from, but not limited to, the Illinois Supreme Court's May 20, 2020 Order M.R. 30370, *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency*, effective June 1, 2020;

**WHEREFORE**, the undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, hereby extends administrative order 2020-M-29, limiting all matters to only essential court matters and proceedings, from January 4, 2021 **to February 1, 2021**.

This Order applies to the Courts within the Third Judicial Circuit. The Resident Circuit Judge of Bond County is authorized to issue local orders, rules or protocols, consistent herewith, and for the limited purpose of implementing the provisions of this order in that County.

**The court will continue to conduct hearings on only essential or time sensitive matters if the presentment of a motion or petition cannot be conducted remotely via telephone, Zoom or other electronic means. Attorneys and the self-represented are allowed limited access to the courthouse facilities for processing of pleadings but must adhere to the current CDC guidelines enforced in the buildings regarding face coverings and social distancing, among others. Any further exceptions require approval from the assigned judge.**

*The Clerk of the Circuit Court is to notify all parties of record by posting on its website and emailing attorneys and by other appropriate means.*

*It is further ordered that this order be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Madison County, Illinois and that said order be made available to the members of the bar and public.*

ENTER: December 21, 2020

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William A. Mudge", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

William A. Mudge  
Chief Judge