

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT #59 THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-M-17 REGARDING GENERAL COVID PROCEDURES

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.

WHEREAS, in view of the reduction of local COVID-19 community infection levels; and

**WHEREAS,** the CDC's current guidance recommends universal masking only in communities with high community COVID-19 levels; and

**WHEREAS,** the CDC continues to recommend that people with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 wear a mask; and

**WHEREAS,** individuals may choose to wear a mask at any time to protect themselves or those around them from the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** the CDC continues to recommend that individuals should stay home when they have signs of infectious illness, including COVID-19;

**WHEREFORE,** the undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, hereby Orders the elimination of the following restrictions for entry into the courthouses:

- Limiting of attendance to hearings to only lawyers and named parties;
- Face coverings;
- Social distancing; and
- Capacity limits.

HOWEVER, Individuals should not enter the courthouses if they:

a. Have been directed to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor at home by any medical provider; or

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- b. Reside with or have close contact with anyone who has been directed to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor at home by any medical provider; or
- c. Have been diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- d. Have flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath; or
- e. Are awaiting the result of a COVID test.

This order shall 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.

DATED: September 29, 2022

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William A. Mudge Chief Judge

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