

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF DU PAGE)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS)
UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED) Administrative Order 20-19
BY THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)) (4th Amendment)

WHEREAS, due to the frequently changing circumstances involved with the COVID-19 pandemic, measures must continue to be implemented and updated to both protect the health and safety of all those working inside the courthouse and the public, and to ensure the fair and efficient access to justice; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the DuPage County Health Department **currently** recommend that **masks or face coverings completely cover the nose and mouth and that those who are not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks or face coverings indoors.** It is also recommended that a face shield not be used as a substitute for a **mask or face covering; and**

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court rescinded and reserved subpart F of its March 17, 2020 Order and adopted M.R. 30370, effective August 27, 2020; **and further amended subpart F of the Order on May 27, 2021.**

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT effective ~~July 15, 2021 August 28, 2020~~, all persons able to medically tolerate a **mask or face covering and who are not themselves fully vaccinated** shall be required to wear a **mask or face covering mask** when located within the indoor public spaces of the DuPage County Courthouse **and Annex**, except those under the age of 2 or who are incapacitated, having trouble breathing, or are otherwise unable to remove the face-covering without assistance. All persons inside a courtroom, including courtroom personnel, ~~except for those persons described above~~, shall wear a mask or face covering **unless they are fully vaccinated or meet one of the above exceptions.** A **mask or face covering** must completely cover a person’s nose and mouth. A judge retains the authority and discretion to allow any person inside a courtroom to remove a **mask or face covering.** A face shield should not be used as a substitute for a **mask or face-covering** unless medically necessary.

All persons **who are not themselves fully vaccinated** entering the public spaces of the courthouse are expected to have their own **mask or face-covering.** Courthouse security personnel will have a limited supply of face coverings. If available, face coverings should be provided to individuals who do not have them.

“Fully vaccinated” means being two weeks past the final vaccine injection. The court has the right to inquire as to any person’s vaccination status. An attorney’s election not to wear a mask or face covering is a representation to the Court under Supreme Court Rules of Professional Conduct 3.3 that the attorney has been fully vaccinated.

An unvaccinated person’s failure to wear an appropriate mask or face covering may lead to removal from the building.

Any person may choose to wear a mask or face covering regardless of his/her vaccination status, but persons required to speak during a court proceeding may be directed to remove a mask or face covering when speaking.

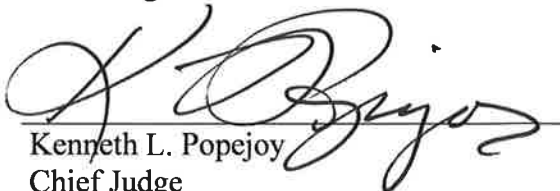
Employees who are working in the public spaces of the DuPage County Courthouse and Annex must wear a mask or face covering at all times unless they have provided proof of full vaccination to their supervisor.

Individuals, including judges, court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and witnesses should not enter the courthouse if they:

- Have new flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic conditions); or
- Currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; 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.**

This Administrative Order is effective July 15, 2021, ~~August 28, 2020~~ and remains in effect until further order of the Court. To the extent that any provisions in this Administrative Order are inconsistent with provisions in Administrative Orders 20-14, 20-22 and 20-26, the provisions in Administrative Orders 20-14, 20-22 and 20-26 are hereby vacated. The Court will continue to review and adjust the Order as necessary.

ENTER: July 14, 2021


Kenneth L. Popejoy
Chief Judge