

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT #43 THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-M-9 Madison and Bond Counties

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.

Amended Administrative Order Regarding Mask and Physical Distancing Requirements

WHEREAS, on February 22, 2022 the Illinois Supreme Court amended paragraph F of M.R. 30370 concerning masking, effective February 28, 2022;

WHEREAS, the amendment authorizes each circuit court to adopt rules regarding the wearing of masks pursuant to appropriate public health guidance;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, effective February 28, 2022, and until further order of the Court that:

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

- 1. have flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic conditions);
- 2. currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; or
- 3. 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.

Masks and physical distancing requirements are optional for persons who are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. Persons who are not up to date with COVID-19 vaccines are required to wear a mask in the courthouses and maintain physical distancing from others.

Persons wearing a mask may be directed by a judge to remove it if deemed necessary for court purposes, such as when addressing the court or testifying.

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. 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.

ENTER: February 25, 2022

William A. Mudge

Chief Judge