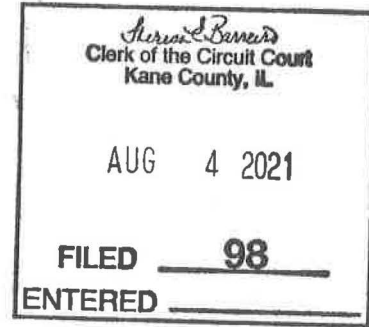


IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 21-18
Effective August 5, 2021

IN THE MATTER OF)
 AMENDING AND SUPERSEDING)
 GENERAL ORDER 20-07)
 GENERAL ORDER 20-14)
 GENERAL ORDER 20-18)
 GENERAL ORDER 20-22)
 GENERAL ORDER 20-29)
 GENERAL ORDER 20-30)
 GENERAL ORDER 21-0)
 GENERAL ORDER 21-02)
 GENERAL ORDER 21-04)
 GENERAL ORDER 21-06)
 GENERAL ORDER 21-11)
 GENERAL ORDER 21-12)
 COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES)
 IMPACTING COURT OPERATIONS)



WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic infection rates have increased to such a degree that many court operations should be modified to continue to protect the health and safety of the public, circuit court judges and circuit court employees, and pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered Order M.R. 30370 on June 30, 2021, stating that effective immediately the Chief Judges of each Circuit Court are no longer required to allow for appropriate social distancing as required by the Court’s previous order and are permitted to relax or eliminate social distancing requirements; and

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that due to recommendations by the State of Illinois and the Kane County Health Department, effective August 5, 2021, the following procedures are in effect in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit:

- 1) **KANE COUNTY COURTS ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** All persons regardless of their vaccination status who wish to enter any Kane County Court facility must wear an appropriate facemask or face covering. Any person refusing to wear a facemask or face covering will be denied entry into said facility.

A person may be denied entry into the court facilities if they have new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding symptoms caused by chronic conditions).

A person may be denied entry into the court facilities if they currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official.

A person may be denied entry into the court facilities if they 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.

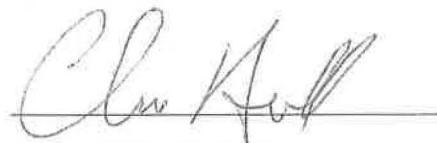
The Sixteenth Judicial Circuit will not routinely screen persons in the court facilities to determine their vaccination status, but reserves the right to inquire as to any person's vaccination status and/or require proof thereof.

- 2) Reasonable accommodations will be provided for individuals with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing masks/face coverings. An individual who is not medically able to tolerate a mask/face covering due to a medical condition or disability should contact the Court's Disability Coordinator, as soon as possible in advance of the scheduled court proceeding, so that appropriate and reasonable accommodations can be made.
- 3) All persons, including courtroom personnel, must wear masks/face coverings when inside all courtrooms, unless the presiding judge of the courtroom gives permission to remove the mask/face covering in order to participate in a court proceeding.

All other general orders not in conflict with this order are still in full force and effect.

The Court may issue further Orders, as necessary, to address the changing circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Entered this 4th day of August, 2021 and effective August 5th, 2021.



Clint Hull, Chief Judge

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