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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT )

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-22

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

**AMENDED COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, Administrative Order 21-19 is vacated.

Consistent with the Order of the Illinois Supreme Court in M.R. 30370, dated March 17, 2020, which was adopted in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the emergencies declared by the State and Federal governments, and upon considering guidance from the CDC, in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, judges and court employees, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court's inherent authority;

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court entered Order M.R. 30370 on May 27, 2021 amending certain aspects of its previous orders concerning entry into any courthouse; and,

WHEREAS, the Order provides courts discretion to apply provisions of the Order pertaining to masks or face coverings for the fully vaccinated;

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the Center of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated their recommendations for fully vaccinated people given the new Delta variant currently circulating in the United States;

WHEREAS, the CDC recommended that fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings if they are in an area of substantial or high transmission;

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2021, it is anticipated that Lake County, Illinois will be an area designated as substantial or high transmission; and,

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, hereby Orders, effective August 2, 2021, as follows:

1. Pursuant to the May 27, 2021 Order of the Illinois Supreme Court in M.R. 30370, individuals, including judges, court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and witnesses, should not enter any courthouse if they:
  - a. Have new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic, non-infectious conditions);

- b. Currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; or
- c. 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.

If unable to attend a court hearing due to any of the above restrictions, individuals are strongly encouraged to call the Circuit Clerk's Office at 847-377-3380 to report your situation and for instructions on how to proceed. Remote Court Hearing (Zoom) information can be found on the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits website at:

<http://19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/>.

- 2. All court staff, attorneys, and members of the public are required to wear a face covering or mask while within any court facility. This requirement does not apply to any individual under the age of 2, incapacitated, having trouble breathing, unable to remove the mask without assistance, or located in a private workspace. When located in private workspace, unvaccinated persons are recommended to wear a face covering or mask.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

ENTERED:



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DIANE E. WINTER,  
Chief Judge