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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21-18

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

AMENDED COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES

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, and,

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, hereby Orders, effective immediately, 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 19th Judicial Circuits website at: <http://19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/>.

2. All court staff, attorneys, and members of the public must wear a face covering or mask while within any court facility. This provision does not apply to any individual under the age of 2, incapacitated, having trouble breathing, unable to remove the mask without assistance, or fully vaccinated. "Fully vaccinated" means being two weeks past the final vaccine.

The Court has the right to inquire as to any person's vaccination status and/or to require proof thereof. An attorney's election not to wear a mask is a representation to the Court under Supreme Court Rule 3.3 that the attorney has been fully vaccinated.

Persons required to speak in the course of a court proceeding may be directed to remove a face covering or mask when speaking. Judges may choose not to wear a face covering or mask in court if they are able to maintain six-foot separation.

3. Within all court facilities, all individuals, including judges, court staff, attorneys, and jurors, shall maintain at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals unless fully vaccinated.

Dated this 11th day of June, 2021.

ENTERED:



DIANE E. WINTER,
Chief Judge