

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
PEORIA, TAZEWELL, MARSHALL, PUTNAM, AND STARK COUNTIES**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-06

*This A.O will modify, as of June 1, 2021, the prior circuit-wide A.O. (2021-02).

WHEREAS, for the reasons mentioned in the prior 10th Circuit Administrative Orders entered and reference therein to various Orders of the Illinois Supreme Court (M.R. 303070 and recent amendments thereto), all dealing with the global Covid-19 and after consultation/input with and from various local justice partners and local stake holders, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to update prior Administrative Orders, taking access to justice and public safety into account and upon considering guidance received from, but not limited to, the Illinois Supreme Court (e.g., M.R. 303070 and recent amendments);

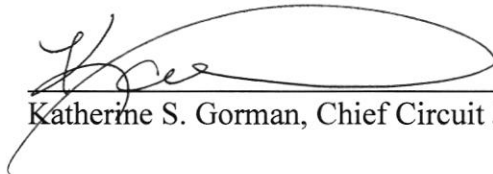
Wherefore, the undersigned, as Chief of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, does:

ORDER

1. Pursuant to the Order of the Illinois Supreme Court in M.R. 30370, no individual may enter any courthouse or court facility if they:
 - a. Have a new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused any chronic 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.**
2. Continued Loosening Limitations. In person access to the Courthouses is now encouraged with the limitations set out below. Each County and courtroom are different and will have the schedule approved by its respective judge who has been directed by the undersigned to encourage in-person attendance where feasible. Remote hearings are still acceptable where feasible as approved by its respective judge. The goal is to continue to increase in person access in the courtroom or their environs while complying with safety precautions outlined in this order.
3. If unable to attend a court hearing due to any of the above restrictions, individuals are strongly encouraged to call the appropriate office of the Circuit Clerk to report your situation and for instructions on how to proceed:
 - a. Peoria County: www.judicial.peoriacounty.org/Portal or (309) 672-6984.

- b. Tazewell County: www.tazewellcountyil.com click online court records link or (309) 477-2218 for traffic and (309) 477-2214 for all other case types.
 - c. Marshall County: www.judici.com (select Marshall County) or (309) 246-6435.
 - d. Putnam County: www.judici.com (select Putnam County) or (815) 925-7016.
 - e. Stark County: www.judici.com (select Stark County) or (309) 286-5941.
4. All court staff, attorneys and members of the public must wear a face covering or mask while within any court facility. Failure to wear a mask may lead to removal from the building. These provisions do not apply to any individual under age 2, incapacitated, having trouble breathing, or unable to remove the mask without assistance, **or fully vaccinated.**
- The Court will not routinely screen persons in the courthouse to determine their vaccination status, but it reserves 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 will be interpreted as 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.
5. 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.** All court staff shall monitor and proactively enforce compliance with social distancing requirements.
6. The Presiding Judge/Resident Circuit Judge of the respective County may use their own discretion with reference to courthouse operations in each of the respective counties.

ENTERED THIS 1ST OF JUNE 2021



Katherine S. Gorman, Chief Circuit Judge