ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-09

22nd Judicial Circuit McHenry County, Illinois

Whereas, the Corona Virus known as COVID-19 has caused the 22nd Judicial Circuit to modify its operations as stated in previous administrative orders; and

Whereas, the Center for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Public Health adopted the updated Interim Public Health Recommendation for Fully Vaccinated People, dated July 27, 2021, recommending that fully vaccinated people should wear a mask in public indoor settings, in areas of subtanial or high transmission; and

Whereas, McHenry County, Illinois has been identified as an area of substantial or high transmission rate of COVID-19 and variants; and

Whereas, the Chief Circuit Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit has conferred with McHenry County Department of Health and other local governmental authorities, regarding the current state of COVID-19 in McHenry County; and

Whereas, Illinois Governor Pritzker entered Executive Order 20121-20, on August 26, 2021, which states;

"Beginning on Monday, August 30, 2021, all individuals in Illinois who are age two or over and able to medically tolerate a face covering (a mask or cloth face covering) shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when in an indoor public place."

Whereas, the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center is a public building which contains County and Court offices, including the McHenry County State's Attorney's Office, McHenry County Sheriff's Office, McHenry County Emergency Management Agency, McHenry County Information Technology, McHenry County Facilities Management, McHenry County Public Defender's Office, McHenry County Deparatment of Probation and Court Services, Circuit Clerk of the Court, and the offices of the 22nd Judicial Circuit of McHenry County.

Therefore, the Chief Judge Orders the Following: Administrative Order 2021-08, entered on July 8, 2021, is hereby amended; and

It Is Further Ordered, beginning on Monday, August 30, 2021 all persons entering, and while in the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center shall wear a mask or facecovering; and

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It Is Further Ordered, the remaining provisions of Administrative Order 2021-08 shall remain in full force and effect; and

It Is Further Ordered, individuals, including judges, court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and witnesses, should not enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center if they have flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic conditions); currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; or 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.

It Is So Ordered, this 27th day of August, 2021 and said order shall be effective August 30, 2021.

James S. Cowlin, Chief Judge