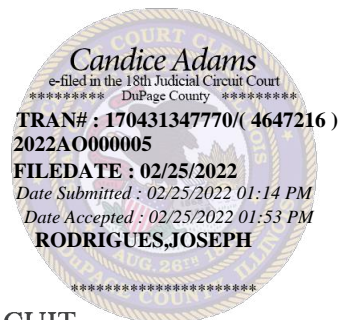


STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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COUNTY OF DU PAGE )



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 18TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS )  
UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED ) Administrative Order 22-5  
BY THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) )

**WHEREAS**, due to the frequently changing circumstances involved with the COVID-19 pandemic, measures must continue to be implemented and updated to both protect the health and safety of all those working inside the courthouse and the public, and to ensure the fair and efficient access to justice; and,

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2022, the Illinois Supreme Court entered an order modifying its previous orders in M.R. 30370, effective February 28, 2022, removing the masking requirement for courthouses and stating that each circuit court may adopt rules requiring the wearing of masks in courthouses pursuant to appropriate public health guidance; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the DuPage County Health Department continue to recommend masks for individuals who have a condition or are taking medications that weaken their immune system; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Judge of the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit has conferred with the DuPage County Health Department, judicial stakeholders, and other local government authorities regarding the current state of COVID-19 in DuPage County and the masking protocols taking effect March 1, 2022, throughout the region.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, as amended, and the Court's inherent authority, that commencing February 28, 2022:

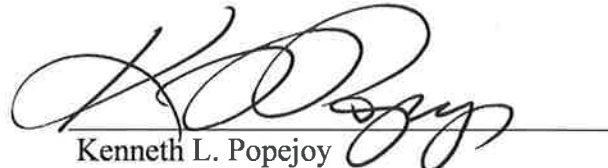
- 1) Masks within the DuPage County Courthouse and Glendale Heights Field Court are permitted, but not required.
- 2) Persons choosing to wear a mask may be directed by a judge to remove it if deemed necessary for court purposes, such as when addressing the court or testifying.

- 3) Individuals, including judges, court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors, and witnesses should not enter the courthouse if they:
- a) Have new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding symptoms caused by chronic conditions); or
  - 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.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Administrative Order is effective February 28, 2022 and remains in effect until further order of the Court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Administrative Order 21-18 is hereby vacated.

ENTER: Feb 25, 2022

  
Kenneth L. Popejoy  
Chief Judge