

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT**  
**KANKAKEE COUNTY**  
**IROQUOIS COUNTY**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-2**  
**COVID-19 PROCEDURES**

This order supersedes Administrative Order 2021-15 entered on August 5, 2021.

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court's order of May 20, 2020, in M.R. 303070, implicitly allows circuits to step back from their reopening plans as dictated by local conditions;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, effective immediately, the following procedures are in effect in the 21<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit:

1. **Masks/Face Coverings.** All persons, including attorneys, **must wear** a mask or face covering in public areas of the courthouse. This provision does not apply to any person who is: under age 2; incapacitated; having trouble breathing; or unable to remove the mask or face covering without assistance. Persons required to speak in the course of a court proceeding may be directed to remove a mask or face covering when speaking if necessary to make a record.
2. **Social Distancing.** Within all court facilities, all individuals, including judges, court staff, attorneys and jurors, shall maintain at least six-foot social distancing from other individuals.
3. **Prohibited Entry.** Pursuant to the Order of the Illinois Supreme Court in M.R. 30370, no person will be allowed access to the Courthouse if that person:
  - a. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days;
  - b. Has flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms identified by health professionals as a symptom of COVID-19;
  - c. Has been directed by a medical provider to quarantine, isolate, or self-monitor at home for COVID-19; and
  - d. Reside with, or have regular close contact with, a person who was directed to quarantine or isolate by public health officials or medical professional **and are not themselves fully vaccinated.**
4. **Additional Persons Discouraged.** Litigants are strongly discouraged from bringing any other person with them to the courthouse.
5. **Effective Date.** This Administrative Order will take effect immediately and may be extended, supplemented, or amended as circumstances require.

Dated: January 3, 2022

  
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THOMAS W. CUNNINGTON  
Chief Judge