



**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE**  
**18th Judicial Circuit Court - DuPage County, Illinois**

KENNETH L. POPEJOY  
Chief Judge

SUZANNE H. ARMSTRONG  
Court Administrator

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***PRESS RELEASE***

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**CHIEF JUDGE VACATES ORDER REQUIRING MASKS IN COURTHOUSE**

Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy entered an Administrative Order today which vacates the mask requirement in the DuPage County Courthouse. Masks will be welcomed and encouraged for anyone who wishes to wear one, or for those who need to wear a mask to protect the health of themselves or their loved ones. However, masks will no longer be required in the courthouse.

Chief Judge Popejoy stated “Our goal has always been to keep our employees and courthouse visitors as safe as possible. We have a state-of-the-art ventilation system which continuously circulates and disinfects the air along with thermal screening at the entrances to the courthouse. These measures, along with continued social distancing, enhanced cleaning protocols and the use of Zoom throughout the courthouse, have allowed the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit to continue the efficient administration of justice throughout the pandemic.”

Entry to the courthouse will continue to be prohibited if a person has flu-like symptoms, has been directed by a medical professional to quarantine or isolate, or if residing with a person currently sick with COVID-19.

The DuPage County Health Department reminds us that it is important to continue to use common-sense methods that reduce the spread of viruses, including staying home when sick, washing hands frequently and keeping distance from others in crowded settings. We will continue to prioritize the safety and well-being of our employees and all who enter and use court facilities.

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