

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-8**

**COVID RESTRICTIONS EASED**

This Administrative Order supersedes Administrative Order 2022-2 entered on January 3, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois has lifted mask restrictions for much of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court has amended Order M.R. 30370 entitled "Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency"; and

WHEREAS, the positivity rate for the area comprising the 21<sup>st</sup> Circuit continues to substantially decline.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, the 21<sup>st</sup> Circuit adopts the following as its policy going forward regarding COVID-19 restrictions:

1. **Prohibited Entry.** No person will be allowed access to the Courthouse if that person:
  - a. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the previous 5 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;
  - 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
  - e. Traveled to, or been in close contact with anyone who has traveled to, any country designated by the CDC as a high-risk location for COVID-19, within the last 5 days.

Individuals with cases pending and experience one of the above restrictions, should contact their attorney or if no attorney, call the Circuit Clerk's office. Cases will be continued and a notice of the new date will be sent out.

2. **Masks/Face Coverings.** Masks and face coverings are not required of any person, regardless of vaccination status, in office areas, common areas or courtrooms. Any

**person who wishes to wear such a covering may do so. 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. **Precautions.** Frequently touched surfaces will continue to be cleaned daily by the courthouse personnel. Hand sanitizer is available to the public in multiple locations throughout the courthouse.
4. **Jury Trials.** Individual Judges may decide on social distancing of jurors in their courtroom and accommodations should be made for any juror(s) who prefer to socially distance. Assembly of prospective jurors, prior to selection, should take place in an area where social distancing can occur.
5. **Effective Date.** This Administrative Order will take effect immediately and may be extended, supplemented, or amended as circumstances require.

Dated: February 25, 2022



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THOMAS W. CUNNINGTON  
Chief Judge