

IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

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In re:	)	
Illinois Courts Response to	)	
COVID-19 Emergency	)	M.R. 30370
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Order

In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); in view of the state of emergency that has been declared by the Governor of the State of Illinois to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus; and in the interests of the health and safety of all court users, staff, and judicial officers during these extraordinary circumstances,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED effective ~~immediately~~ February 28, 2022, and until further order of the Court that paragraph F of the Court's March 17, 2020 order as amended on August 27, 2020, ~~and~~ May 27, 2021, and September 2, 2021, is further amended as follows (new material is underscored and deleted material is struck through):

- F. Individuals, including judges, court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and witnesses, should not enter any courthouse if they
- ~~1. are not wearing a mask or face covering;~~
  - 2 1. have new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic conditions);
  - 3 2. currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; or
  - ~~4~~3. 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.

~~Masks or face coverings should be worn at all times while in the courthouse unless the person is (1) otherwise instructed by court personnel; (2) under the age of 2; or (3) incapacitated, having trouble breathing, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. If available, masks should be provided to individuals who do not have them.~~

Each circuit court may adopt rules requiring the wearing of masks in courthouses pursuant to appropriate public health guidance. Absent such local rules, the wearing of

masks within courthouses is permitted, but not required. 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.

All courts should implement procedures for when an individual is denied entry based on the above.

Order entered by the Court.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, this 22nd day of February, 2022.

*Cynthia A. Grant*

Clerk,  
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois