

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF ILLINOIS**

[Signature] Clerk of the Circuit Court

**Sangamon County Administrative Order 2021-5
Sangamon County Courthouse Procedures for COVID-19 Coronavirus**

WHEREAS, The Sangamon County Courts will take all reasonable measures to minimize personal contact to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

Whereas, the Sangamon County Courts have previously enacted Sangamon County Administrative Order 2020-11, entered May 29, 2020, wherein protocols were established requiring all entrants to the Sangamon County Complex to wear facial coverings upon entry to the building, and to continue to wear the coverings at all times within the building when social distancing was not possible, unless the entrants were exempt from the requirement pursuant to one of two qualified exemptions set forth in the Administrative Order.

Whereas, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has revised its guidelines as applied to a total mask mandate and the CDC no longer recommends that fully vaccinated people be required to wear facial coverings in the majority of indoor and outdoor environments.

Whereas, the State of Illinois has adopted the revised recommendations of the CDC and has eliminated a statewide mask mandate for those people who have been fully vaccinated from COVID-19 in a majority of indoor and outdoor settings.

Whereas, the Sangamon County Courts have consulted with local public health officials regarding further revision to the protocols in place for the safe operation of the court and county services in light of the positions adopted by the CDC and the State of Illinois.

WHEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that, effective June 1, 2021 and continuing until further order of the court, Sangamon County Administrative Order 2020-11 shall be amended to include the following third recognized exemption to the requirement that the occupants of the Sangamon County Complex wear facial coverings to be allowed entry to, and remain in, the building:

Exemption for fully vaccinated persons: Any person who has received both shots of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, or who has been administered one shot of the Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, and who has surpassed 14 days from the date of their final shot, shall be deemed to be fully vaccinated and shall be exempt from the facial covering requirements otherwise imposed by Sangamon County Administrative Order 2020-11.

All other entrants to the Sangamon County Complex who do not fall within a recognized exemption shall continue to be required to wear facial coverings to gain entry to the Sangamon County Complex and continue to properly wear a facial covering at all times while remaining within the building when social distancing is not possible. Failure to comply with this safety measure may result in denied access to, or removal from, the Sangamon County Complex. Nothing in these Administrative Order prevents any person, whether fully vaccinated or not, from continuing to wear facial coverings should any individual choose to do so to prevent further risk of infection.

ENTERED THIS 25th DAY OF May, 2021.

[Signature]

JOHN M. MADONIA
Presiding Judge