

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In re:)	
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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 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 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. have new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic conditions);
 3. currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; or
 4. 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.

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

~~Pursuant to current CDC guidance, courts may choose not to apply the provisions of this paragraph F concerning masking to persons who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and are two weeks past their final vaccine injection.~~

Order entered by the Court.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said Supreme Court, in Springfield, in said State, this 2nd day of September, 2021.

Carolyn Taft Gosbell Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois