

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-5

COVID-RELATED ISSUES

This Order is effective immediately and until further Order of the Court.

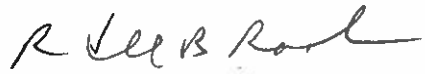
1. **Resumption of All Matters.** Courts are no longer limited to hearing only essential activities. Courts may resume all matters and schedule them accordingly.
2. **Courtroom Limitations and Reduced Call Size.** Each courtroom will continue to separate individuals in the gallery by 6 feet. This limits the number of individuals in each courtroom at any given time. When the Governor of Illinois approves the State going to Phase 5 of its recovery from COVID-19, which eliminates social distancing requirements in most circumstances, courtrooms will no longer adhere to the 6 foot limit. The number of individuals in a courtroom will then be guided by the normal capacity limit. Remote hearings are strongly encouraged, when appropriate and for those judges able to accommodate such hearings.
3. **Prohibited Entry.** No person will be allowed access to the Courthouse if that person:
 - a. Has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days;
 - b. Has flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptom identified by a health professional 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 a medical professional.
 - 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 14 days.

Subsections (d) and (e) do not apply to fully-vaccinated persons unless they are exhibiting symptoms.

4. **Masks / Face Coverings.** Consistent with the Champaign County Sheriff's policy for courthouse public areas, masks or other face coverings are not required in judicial areas or courtrooms for fully-vaccinated persons. Any person who wishes to wear such a covering may do so. Persons required to speak during a court proceeding may be directed to remove their covering while speaking. This section 4 applies to judges, court personnel, attorneys, litigants, jurors, witnesses and the public.
5. **Precautions.** Frequently touched surfaces should be cleaned daily by courthouse personnel. Hand sanitizer should be made available to the public in multiple locations throughout the courthouse and in each courtroom.

6. **Jury Trials.** In the Jury Assembly Room, potential jurors do not need to sit 6 feet apart but an area will be set aside for those who choose to do so. Jury trials will generally be held in Courtrooms A, F and L to allow seated jurors to sit 6 feet apart. During deliberations, jurors will be placed in a vacant courtroom so they may space apart as they wish. The Presiding Judge will determine at what point trials will be held in other courtrooms and whether social distancing remains necessary.
7. **Individual Judge/Courtroom Order.** Attorneys and parties should be aware that individual judges may issue their own guidance on practices in certain courtrooms with the approval of the Presiding Judge.
8. **Definition.** For purposes of this Administrative Order, a “fully vaccinated person” is defined as two weeks after the person has received their final injection. The Court will not routinely screen persons for vaccination status but reserves the right to inquire and require proof of vaccination.

Date: 6/3/21

ENTER: 
Presiding Judge Randall B Rosenbaum