

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-2

RE

TRANSPORTS BY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER STAFF
DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Circuit Court for the Vermilion County in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Illinois adopts the following Administrative Order:

WHEREAS, the Presiding Circuit Judge for Vermilion County has been granted temporary emergency administrative authority to enter orders affecting the general operation of the Vermilion County Juvenile Detention Center pursuant to authority granted by the Chief Circuit Judge under Supreme Court Rule 21(b);

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor declared a State of Emergency throughout the State of Illinois in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency;

WHEREAS, the health and welfare of all Vermilion County Juvenile Detention Center employees and detainees is of principal priority, so too is the court's responsibility to the community at large to minimize in-person contact in an effort to impede the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to avoid the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus, the Presiding Circuit Judge for Vermilion County considers it to be in the best interests of the health and safety of juveniles detained pursuant to the Juvenile Court Act and in the best interests of the safety of correctional officers and staff supervising juveniles admitted to the Vermilion County Juvenile Detention Center, to restrict access to the Detention Center by suspending until April 30, 2020, all travel, transports, and returns of such juveniles, by Juvenile Detention Center staff, to and from the Detention Center to and from locations outside of Vermilion County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. **Effective Date:** This administrative order is effective March 19, 2020 and its precautionary measures shall remain in effect through April 30, 2020, unless extended by further order of the court.
2. **General Transport Restrictions:** The Director of the Juvenile Detention Center is authorized and directed to suspend all travel, transports, and returns of juveniles, by Juvenile Detention Center staff, to and from the Juvenile Detention Center, to and from any location outside of Vermilion County. Nothing in this administrative order shall be construed as prohibiting personnel from other counties from transporting and returning juvenile detainees to and from the Juvenile Detention Center, nor of prohibiting the Juvenile Detention Center from admitting juveniles who have been so transported and returned from outside Vermilion County to the facility.

3. Medical Screenings: The Director of the Juvenile Detention Center is authorized and directed to develop and approve policies for the medical screening of juveniles presented to the Juvenile Detention Center for admission and/or return to determine the presence of symptoms of the COVID-19 virus, refuse to accept custody of juveniles who exhibit such symptoms, and deny their admission to the facility until such time as they have received medical clearance.

4. Miscellaneous:

- a. The court may issue further orders as necessary to address the circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, including re-assessing the situation following the suspension period to determine whether normal operations may resume or additional suspension time is still required to avoid the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.
- b. It is further ordered that this order be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Vermilion County, Illinois and be made available to the public.
- c. This Administrative Order is effective *instanter*.

Dated: this 19th day of March, 2020



Thomas M. O'Shaughnessy, Presiding Judge