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PRESS RELEASE

Chief Judge H. Chris Ryan, Jr. of the 13th Judicial Circuit has received confirmation that court staff working at the LaSalle County Downtown Courthouse has tested positive for COVID-19.

After learning of this information, the Court consulted with the LaSalle County Health Department for instructions on steps to be taken. The Court issued notifications of the situation to offices and individuals based on exposure risk. Individuals in close contact with the affected employee are self-quarantining and will seek testing based on guidance from the Health Department.

All spaces that the affected employee occupied have received a deep cleaning. The 13th Judicial Circuit continues to follow all CDC, Illinois Department of Public Health and LaSalle County Health Department guidelines. The Court also continues to enforce mask wearing and social distancing when in the building. Chief Judge Ryan stated that “situations of this nature are, unfortunately, impossible to prevent, but the County is taking all reasonable measures to ensure the safety of employees, attorneys, the public, and all others within our buildings.”

The civil courts at the LaSalle County Downtown Courthouse are taking precautionary measures and trying to reduce in person hearings for non-emergency matters and will be conducting remote hearings in all civil cases when possible until further notice.