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OF ILLINOIS, ADAMS COUNTY**

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Scott D. Larson
Circuit Court 8th Judicial Circuit
ILLINOIS, ADAMS CO.

**Administrative Order No.
Additional Adams County Courthouse Procedures for COVID-19 Coronavirus**

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to update prior Administrative Orders, taking access to justice and public safety into account and upon considering guidance received from, but not limited to, the Illinois Supreme Court's May 20, 2020 Order M.R. 30370, In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency, effective June 1, 2020.

WHEREFORE, it is ordered that effective August 24, 2020, the Adams County Courthouse will be return to court activity as set forth in Adams County Administrative Order #17 (filed May 29, 2020).

Adams County Administrative Order #18 (filed July 31, 2020) will terminate as of August 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: August 20, 2020

Scott D. Larson

Scott D. Larson, Presiding Judge

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COUNTY OF ADAMS 20-CA-17

Teri A. Hochwender
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-17
ADDITIONAL ADAMS COUNTY COURTHOUSE PROCEDURES FOR COVID-19

Whereas the Circuit Court has, pursuant to the Supreme Court's order of March 17, 2020, reduced its operations to essential activities,

Whereas, the Supreme Court's order of May 20, 2020, allows circuits to adopt their own plans for a resumption of court activity;

It is therefore ORDERED that, effective June 1, 2020, the following procedures are in effect in the 8th Judicial Circuit Court, Adams County:

1. Return to Court Activity. Effective June 1, 2020, the Court will return to hearing all matters.
2. Screening. A health screening by County or Court officials may be in place at the entrance to the courthouse which may include, but might not necessarily be limited to: a written or verbal questionnaire, a temperature check, an identification check (to assist with possible later contact tracing).
3. Entry prohibited. No person will be allowed access to the courthouses if you have:
 - a. Flu-like symptoms or illness, including, but not limited to, fever, cough or shortness of breath;
 - b. Been diagnosed with Covid-19, or someone close to you has within the past 60 days;
 - c. Been directed to quarantine, self-isolate or self-monitor at home by a medical provider;
 - d. Traveled within past 21 days to any country designated by the CDC as a high-risk location for Covid-19, or had close contact with anyone who has, within past 21 days.
4. Masks / Face Coverings. All persons in public areas of the courthouse and the courtrooms, including attorneys, shall wear a mask or face covering.
5. Reduced Call Size. In order to reduce the number of people in the building, the Court will, to the extent possible, reduce the number of cases allotted for each court call. This will in many instances require staggered court times. Attorneys are reminded that it is essential that they appear at the designated time in order to make this process work.

6. Civil Cases Represented Parties Excused. Unless ordered by the judge or directed by their attorney, parties in civil and family cases are strongly encouraged not to attend routine court hearings. Attorneys should advise their clients not to attend court unless their attendance is strictly necessary given the nature of the hearing at issue.
7. Criminal Felony Cases. Defendants must personally appear for their court appearances and hearings unless authorized by the court.
8. Additional Persons. Users of the court system are discouraged from bringing family and friends to the courthouse unless they are witnesses or have a constitutional or statutory right to be present.
9. Jury Trials. Criminal and Civil Jury trials will commence June 8, 2020. For the months of June and July, in addition to the normal two-week jury docket, a third week of jury trials (June 22-26 and July 27-31, respectively) will be available, if required. In-custody criminal cases will have priority over other cases. To the extent speedy trial implications are involved, any such continuance, per Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370 will be excluded from speedy trial computations and statutory time restrictions applicable to same shall be tolled until further Order of the Supreme Court. Modifications to jury trial courtrooms, shall include:
 - a. Courtroom seating will be laid out differently to allow for social distancing. This may require seating of some jurors outside of the jury box.
 - b. Germ shields have been installed in courtrooms.
 - c. Jurors will wear masks or face coverings, except when answering questions during voir dire.
 - d. Attorneys will wear masks or face coverings, except when speaking.
10. Probation. Probationers should continue to follow directives of your probation officer.
11. Effective Date. This Administrative Order will take effect June 1, 2020.

Entered: 5-29-2020



Scott D. Larson, Adams County Presiding Judge