

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
DE KALB COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-07**

**Effective June 3, 2020**

**FILED**  
**JUN 01 2020**  
Maureen A. Josh  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
DeKalb County, Illinois

***In re the Resumption of Court Operations***

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, Judge Robert Pilmer, by General Order 20-12, entered on April 24, 2020, ordered that the Emergency Preparedness Plans for the Courts of DeKalb and Kendall Counties, previously activated beginning March 28, 2020 remain in effect through the end of business on Tuesday, June 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, the Supreme Court of Illinois modified its Order of March 17, 2020 allowing each Judicial Circuit to resume operations, whether in person or remotely, according to a schedule to be adopted for each county by the chief judge of each circuit, effective June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the Chief Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, Judge Robert Pilmer, by General Order 20-18, authorized the Presiding Judge of the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit, DeKalb County, to set forth schedules and proper safety precautions with respect to the resumption of court operations on or after June 1, 2020, with consideration, but not limited to the various factors enumerated by the Illinois Supreme Court in its order of May 20, 2020, as well as its Guidelines for Resuming Illinois Judicial Branch Operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court Guidelines for Resuming Illinois Judicial Branch Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic recommends that all practical measures should be taken within the courthouse and courtrooms to ensure a clean environment and prevent the spread of the virus, including notifying all entering the courthouse that wearing a mask/face covering is required (consistent with current public health requirements and Governor Pritzker's Executive Order); and

WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of all those inside the courthouse and inside all courtrooms:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that upon the effective date of this Order and until further order of the court:

- 1) Prior to entry to the courthouse, all individuals shall follow the protocol for admission into the courthouse, established after consultation with the DeKalb County Health Department, and consistent with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines, reflected by signage posted outside of the courthouse; and
- 2) Anyone entering the courthouse must wear a mask/face covering; and
- 3) Individuals are encouraged to wear their own mask/face covering. If an individual does not have a mask or face covering, one may be provided to them if available. If a mask/face covering is not available, the individual will not be allowed to enter the courthouse; and
- 4) If an individual refuse to follow this Order and wear a mask/face covering once inside the courthouse, they will be asked to put one on. If they continue to refuse to wear the mask/face covering, they will be removed from the building; and
- 5) All judges, judicial staff, courthouse employees, attorneys and members of the general public must wear masks/face coverings when inside the public spaces of the courthouses; and
- 6) All persons, including courtroom personnel, must wear masks/face coverings when inside all courtrooms, unless the presiding judge of the courtroom gives permission to remove the mask/face covering in order to participate in a court proceeding, and six-foot social distancing requirements are met.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that court security personnel and judicial staff shall take reasonable measures to enforce six-foot social distancing and the wearing of masks/face covering within the public spaces of the courthouses and all courtrooms.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that in addition to wearing masks/face coverings and practicing social distancing the Court will employ a system to facilitate social distancing and avoid crowding

and limiting the number of people inside the courthouse, with signage and posted procedures for entrance and exit from all courtrooms.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Lawyer's Lounge and Children's Waiting Room will be closed.

Entered: June 1, 2020

  
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Robbin J. Stuckert,  
Presiding Judge of DeKalb County Circuit Court