

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2022-02

This Order will supersede, as of February 28, 2022, all prior Circuit-Wide Administrative Orders 2020-13, 2020-15, 2020-21, 2020-24, 2021-02 and modifies 2021-06, 2021-07, and 2021-09.

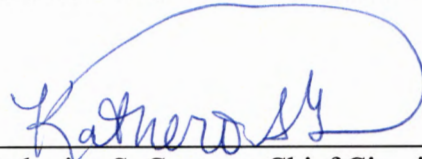
WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to update Administrative Orders, taking access to justice, and public safety into account and considering guidance from, but not limited to the Governor of Illinois and the Illinois Supreme Court (e.g. M. R. 30370 and recent amendments thereto); it is hereby ordered:

1. **Resumption of All Matters.** All courtrooms (14 in Peoria, six in Tazewell, and one each in Marshall, Putnam and Stark) are open for court business, as described herein, with in-person hearings being strongly encouraged and remote hearings being the exception with the goal of serving the public in person while using remote access for only routine matters subject to the oversight of the Chief Judge or respective Presiding Judge in each county.
2. **Courtroom Limitations and Reduced Call Size.** Courtrooms are not required to adhere to a strict six-foot rule for social distancing. Judges have discretion to determine the capacity limit for their courtroom based on the size of the courtroom, the number of persons present, the length of matters, etc.
3. **Prohibited Entry.** Pursuant to the Order of the Illinois Supreme Court in M.R. 30370, no individual may enter any courthouse or court facility if they:
 - a) Have new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic conditions).
 - b) Currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; or
 - c) Reside or have regular close contact with a person currently subject to a quarantine or isolation direction issued by a medical provider or public health official **and are not themselves fully vaccinated.**
4. **Procedures When Entry is Denied.** If unable to attend a court hearing due to any of the above restrictions, individuals are strongly encouraged to call the appropriate office of the Circuit Clerk to report your situation and for instructions on how to proceed:
 - a) Peoria County: www.judicial.peoriacounty.org/Portal or (309) 672-6984.
 - b) Tazewell County: www.tazewellcountyil.com click online court records link or (309) 477-2218 for traffic and (309) 477-2214 for all other case types.
 - c) Marshall County: www.judici.com (select Marshall County) or (309) 246-6435.
 - d) Putnam County: www.judici.com (select Putnam County) or (815) 925-7016.
 - e) Stark County: www.judici.com (select Stark County) or (309) 286-5941.

5. **Masks/Face Coverings.** Masks and face coverings are not required of any person, regardless of vaccination status. Any person who wishes to wear such a covering may do so. Persons who choose to wear a mask may be directed to remove the face covering or mask when speaking in a court proceeding.
6. **Individual Judges.** May issue their own guidance in certain courtrooms with the approval of the Chief judge or Presiding Judge.
7. **The Presiding Judge/Resident Circuit Judge of the Respective County.** May use their own discretion with reference to courthouse operations in each of their respective counties.

This Order is effective February 28, 2022 and until further Order of the Court.

Date: 2/24/22



Katherine S. Gorman, Chief Circuit Judge