IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KENDALL COUNTY

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20 - 15

In re the Wearing of Face Coverings within the Public Areas and Courtrooms of the Kendall County Courthouse

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WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court Guidelines for Resuming Illinois Judicial Branch Operation During the COVID-19 Pandemic recommends that all practical measures should be taken within the public areas of the courthouse and the courtrooms to ensure a safe environment and prevent the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, consistent with current public health practices and recommendations, the wearing of a mask or face covering helps to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- 1. All individuals entering the Kendall County Courthouse must wear a mask or a face covering. For the purposes of this Administrative Order, the term "courthouse" includes the temporary court facilities located at the Yorkville High School, however this Administrative Order only applies to individuals attending court proceedings at the high school, and not to individuals present at the high school for school purposes.
- 2. All individuals are encouraged to wear their own mask or face covering. If an individual does not have a mask or face covering, one may be provided, if available. If a mask or face covering is not available, then the individual will not be allowed to enter the courthouse. If

appropriate, such individuals may appear remotely, as permitted by Second Amended

Administrative Order 20-14.

3. A mask or face covering must be worn in all public areas in the courthouse and courtrooms.

If an individual refuses to wear a mask or face covering in compliance with this

Administrative Order, they will be removed from the building.

4. All judges, judicial staff, courthouse employees, attorneys and members of the general public

must wear a mask or face covering when inside the public spaces of the courthouse.

5. All persons, including courtroom personnel, must wear a mask or face covering when inside

all courtrooms; except that the judge presiding in the courtroom need not wear a mask or face

covering, and individuals who are addressing the court during any specific court proceeding

need not wear a mask or face covering when so addressing the court. This is due to other

social distance measures being taken within the courtroom and to ensure that an audible

record is made of the proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that court security personnel and judicial shall take reasonable

measures to enforce appropriate social distancing within the courtrooms and all public spaces of the

courthouse, as well as the wearing of masks or face coverings.

This Administrative Order shall be effective upon entry.

Enter: July 2, 2020.

Hon. Robert P. Pilmer

CHIEF JUDGE