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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 21 - 06**

In re the Rescission of Administrative Order 20-15 and the Wearing of Face Coverings within the Public Areas and Courtrooms of the Kendall County Courthouse

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MATTHEW G. PROCHASKA CIRCUIT CLERK KENDALL CO.

WHEREAS, consistent with current public health practices and recommendations, whereby the wearing of a mask or face covering is no longer mandated in certain settings and under certain conditions; and

WHEREAS, after consulting with the other judges in the Kendall County Courthouse; IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- Administrative Order 20-15 issued on July 2, 2020 is rescinded effective Monday, May 24, 2021.
- Individuals entering the Kendall County Courthouse may, but need not, wear a mask or a face covering.
- 3. Individuals using the public entry shall continue to undergo temperature screening.
- 4. Individuals entering the Kendall County Courthouse are responsible for maintaining appropriate social distancing in the public areas and the courtrooms.

- 5. Individuals who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19, or who are less than two weeks from their final vaccination are strongly encouraged to wear a mask or face covering when in the Kendall County Courthouse.
- 6. Individuals shall not enter the Kendall County Courthouse if they:
  - a. Have new flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding symptoms caused by chronic conditions);
  - b. Currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider of 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.
- 7. Individuals called for jury duty, and all other individuals participating in any jury trial, including attorneys, parties, courthouse personnel, and witnesses shall continue to wear masks or face coverings throughout the entirety of the jury selection process and jury trial, unless otherwise directed not to do so by the trial judge.
- 8. Court security personnel and bailiffs shall take reasonable measures to enforce appropriate social distancing within the courtrooms and all public spaces of the courthouse.
- 9. Until further order, the gallery area of each courtroom is limited to a maximum number of individuals as follows:

Courtrooms 111, 112, and 113 - maximum of 50 persons;

Courtrooms 114 and 115 - maximum of 70 persons;

Courtroom 116 - maximum of 40 persons.

10. Court calls will continue to be staggered, and the use of Zoom for parties and attorneys is encouraged, unless the court proceedings require an in-person appearance.

This Administrative Order shall be effective on May 24, 2021.

Enter: May 20, 2021.

Hon. Robert P. Pilmer

CHIEF JUDGE