

**IN THE TWENTY-FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STATE OF MISSOURI
COUNTIES OF PHELPS, PULASKI, TEXAS AND MARIES**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-01

RE: COVID-19

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Supreme Court has instructed courts in this state to prepare for potential infection in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Supreme Court has directed its courts to consider strategies to prevent the spread of respiratory germs into, within, and between facilities.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective Monday, March 16, 2020, and until further order of this Court, that the following persons shall not enter any courthouse situated in Phelps County, Texas County, Pulaski County, or Maries County, Missouri:

- Persons who have traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days;
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Persons with unexplained fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by a court security officer. Individuals not authorized to enter the premises because of the restrictions listed above are provided the following contact information to have remote access to the administration of justice:

Phelps County Circuit Clerk: 573-458-6210
Pulaski County Circuit Clerk: 573-774-4755
Texas County Circuit Clerk: 417-967-4133
Maries County Circuit Clerk: 573-422-3338

Any attorney or party shall promptly notify opposing counsel and the court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any proceeding authorized by this Court's Administrative Order 2020-01 may come within any of the above listed categories.

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the above courthouses, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- If you are an attorney scheduled to appear in Court before a Circuit or Associate Circuit Judge please contact the appropriate Circuit Clerk shown above.
- If you need information about the status of your case, please consult Casenet or contact the appropriate Circuit Clerk shown above.
- If you are a prospective Juror, please contact the appropriate Circuit Clerk shown above.
- If you are seeking an Order of Protection regarding adult/child abuse please contact the appropriate Circuit Clerk shown above.
- If you are seeking to contact the prosecuting attorney, please contact:

Phelps County Prosecutor: 573-458-6170

Pulaski County Prosecutor: 573-774-4770

Texas County Prosecutor: 417-967-2029

Maries County Prosecutor: 573-422-3396

These restrictions will remain in place temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

SO ORDERED this 16th day of March, 2020.



William E. Hickle
Presiding Judge