

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF McDONALD
COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI**

In Re: COVID-19

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

ORDER

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic, and the Governor of the State of Missouri has, accordingly, declared a state of emergency;

WHEREAS the Missouri Supreme Court has instructed courts in this state to “prepare for potential infection in their community”;

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, that effective Monday, March 16, 2020, until further order of this Court, that the following persons shall not enter the McDonald County Courthouse, or any of its Divisions in McDonald County Missouri:

- Persons who have traveled to any foreign county 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 tested positive, been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Persons with fevers, or unexplained coughs or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry and removed from the Courthouse by Court Security.

Any attorney or party shall immediately notify opposing counsel and the court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any proceeding authorized by this Court’s Administrative Order 13 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 offices or divisions of this courthouse in McDonald County Missouri, 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 need information about the status of your case, please consult Casenet or contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at (417) 223-7512;
- If you are a prospective Juror, please contact the Circuit Clerk's office at (417) 223-4124;
- If you are seeking an Order of Protection regarding adult/child abuse, please contact (417) 223-7512;
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer, please contact the Neosho Office of the Missouri Probation and Parole Office at (417) 451-5322;
- For McDonald County Prosecuting Attorney matters, please contact the McDonald County Prosecuting Attorney at (417) 223-4142;
- For McDonald County Public Defender matters, please contact the Missouri Public Defender at (417) 359-8489;
- For McDonald County Sheriff matters, please call the Sheriff's main line at (417) 223-4319.

For safety reasons, these restrictions will remain in place until further order of this Court. Those individuals who think that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

If you have any questions as to this Administrative Order, please contact the Clerk of the Court, Tanya Lewis (417) 223-7512.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 20, 2020



Gregory Stremel
Presiding Judge
McDonald County Circuit Court