

**28TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**RE: COVID-19**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Missouri Supreme Court has instructed courts in their state to “prepare for potential infection within 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**, effective March 17, 2020, and until further order of this Court, that the following person shall not enter the Barton County Courthouse, Lamar, Missouri; the Cedar County Courthouse, Stockton, Missouri; the Dade County Courthouse, Greenfield, Missouri or the Vernon County Courthouse, Nevada, Missouri:

- Persons who have traveled to any foreign country with the last fourteen (14) days;
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has travelled to any foreign country within the last fourteen (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
- Person 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 Circuit Court:

Barton County Circuit Clerk’s Office, 417-682-2444  
Cedar County Circuit Clerk’s Office, 417-276-6700, Ext. 1  
Dade County Circuit Clerk’s Office, 417-637-2271  
Vernon County Circuit Clerk’s Office, 417-448-2525

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 25th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Munton", with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

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David R. Munton, Presiding Judge