

# IN THE THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MISSOURI

## PHASE TWO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Pursuant to the Supreme Court's Operational Directives entered May 4, 2020, the Court having considered Gateway Criteria and local COVID-19 conditions, enters the following Orders.

Effective May 30, 2020, the Third Circuit Court, including Municipal Divisions <sup>(1)</sup> will move from Phase 1 to Phase 2 and will operate with the following courtroom restrictions:

- a. Members of the public who are not involved in a court proceeding will not be allowed the courtroom unless approved by the Judge presiding over the case.
- b. Social distancing is required of court staff, attorneys, parties and witnesses.
- c. Individual who have been exposed to or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed in the courtroom.
- d. The use of masks or face coverings by attorneys, parties, witnesses, victims, and courtroom staff is permissible, but not required.
- e. Jury trials will be held only in the most extraordinary, pressing and urgent cases.
- f. Occupancy rates shall be limited to be limited to 25 or less whenever possible.

The Court will remain in Operating Phase 2 until June 15, 2020, at which time it will proceed to Phase 3, if local COVID-19 conditions remain the same or improve.

If, in consideration of the Gateway Criteria, local COVID-19 conditions have deteriorated, the Court may remain in Phase 2, or return to Phase 1.

Date Signed: 5/27/20



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Thomas R. Alley  
Presiding Judge 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes Bethany, Princeton, Trenton and Unionville Municipal Divisions.