

**IN THE 36<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
BUTLER COUNTY**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**A.O. #7.11.20**

**In Re: COURT OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19 - FACE COVERINGS**

**This Order Supplements this Court’s order regarding Court operations dated May 28, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued its Order on May 4, 2020, effective May 16, 2020, whereby the Presiding Judge of each circuit will determine, based upon certain Gateway Criteria, when that circuit will progress to Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phase 3; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuing operation of the 36th Judicial Circuit Court (“Court”) is deemed to be an essential governmental service and therefore, the Court remains open and operational; and

**WHEREAS**, this Court entered into Phase 1 on May 16, 2020, and Phase 2 on June 1, 2020. During Phase 2, COVID-19 reported positive tests have increased substantially, including four (4) cases in the Butler County Courthouse; and

**WHEREAS**, during Phase 2 additional steps have been taken to protect those who enter court facilities in Butler County, including courthouse security, temperature screening, COVID-19 screening, social distancing compliance and occupancy restrictions on the number of individuals allowed to enter court facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to offer additional protection and comfort to those who enter the Butler County Courthouse, Butler County Juvenile Division and Municipal Court of Poplar Bluff, it is necessary that further precautions be taken.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED**, effective at 8:00 a.m. on July 13 2020, and continuing until further order of the Court:

1. All individuals seeking entry to the Butler County Courthouse, Butler County Juvenile Division and Municipal Court of Poplar Bluff must wear a face covering while present until further order of this Court.
2. Social distancing will be strictly enforced.
3. Unless an employee of the Court, all individuals shall enter courtrooms through courtroom doors rather than the offices of the Circuit Clerk.

In all other respects, the previous order of this Court shall remain unchanged.

**THIS ORDER MAY BE AMENDED AS CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: July 11, 2020



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Michael M. Pritchett  
Presiding Circuit Judge