

**IN THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS,
WESTERN DISTRICT
STATE OF MISSOURI**

In Re: COVID-19

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

**July 29, 2020
Effective August 1, 2020**

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

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued a revised order effective August 1, 2020, regarding revised “precautionary measures to combat the spread of the disease to the public and the employees of the Missouri judiciary while ensuring that essential services remain[] available”; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Missouri recently issued revised *Operational Directives* effective August 1, 2020, to describe appropriate precautions and safeguards to be followed while facilitating local solutions appropriate to local conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court’s precautionary measures include prohibiting access to court premises for individuals who have been exposed to, or are exhibiting symptoms of, or have tested positive for COVID-19; and directing the use of face masks or coverings for those who are permitted access to court premises; and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Court of Appeals moved to Operating Phase Two effective June 22, 2020.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, effective August 1, 2020, and until further order of this Court, that the following persons shall not enter the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District:

- 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 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 the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, in violation of this Administrative Order will be denied entry by a Court Security Officer. Visitors will be required to submit to a touchless temperature check at the front door of the courthouse and will not be permitted to enter if their temperature exceeds 100.4 degrees. Face masks or coverings shall be required to enter, and at all times while in, the courthouse.

Individuals who are not authorized to enter the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, because of the restrictions listed above are provided the following contact information to have remote access to the administration of justice:

1. If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney.
2. For information about the status of your case, please check Case.net or call the Clerk's office at (816) 889-3600.
3. If you need to file a pleading with the Court, you may file the pleading via facsimile at (816) 889- 3668 or via email in Word or PDF format at wdcoa@courts.mo.gov.

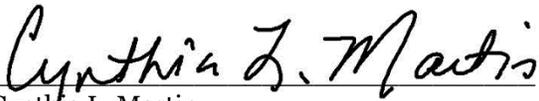
These restrictions will remain in place until further notice. If you believe that you may have been exposed to COVID-19, contact your healthcare provider immediately.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that this Court's earlier order dated March 23, 2020, regarding suspension of the requirement imposed by Western District Special Rule 12 to file paper copies of briefs and transcripts, and its earlier order dated March 24, 2020, regarding cancellation of in-person oral arguments and the deemed submission of cases on the briefs absent a timely request for virtual conducted oral argument, remain in effect until further order of this Court.

If you have any questions as to this Administrative Order, please contact the Clerk of the Court, Kimberly Boeding, at 816-889-3600

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 29, 2020


Cynthia L. Martin
Chief Judge