

**IN THE 8TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF MISSOURI
CARROLL AND RAY COUNTIES**

COVID-19 NOTICE (EFFECTIVE 8/1/20)

*****THIS COURT IS CURRENTLY IN OPERATING PHASE
THREE AS OF JUNE 13, 2020*****

- The following persons will not be allowed to enter the facilities of any of the Divisions in the Circuit Courts of Carroll or Ray County, Missouri:
 - Persons who have traveled to any foreign country 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;
 - Persons with fevers, or unexplained coughs, shortness of breath, or loss of smell or taste; and
 - Persons prohibited entry to the courthouse as determined by the county commission.

Appropriate levels of screening, as determined from time to time as local conditions warrant, will be implemented. Such screening may include temperature checks and screening questions.

- Strict social distancing protocols of six-foot distances between persons will be observed at all times. Tape or other visible means will be used to demark six-foot distances where practical.
- All persons entering Court premises will be provided, and shall use, hand sanitizer.
- Appropriate face masks or coverings shall be used by all persons in public court areas and during all court proceedings unless good cause is shown, as determined by the judge presiding over the case, to limit the requirement in a particular proceeding. A face mask will be provided to those who do not have one. Face masks or coverings must be appropriate for Court decorum. Whether or not a chosen face mask/covering is appropriate shall be in the sole discretion of the judge presiding over the proceeding.
- Only attorneys, parties, witnesses, victims, court personnel and support staff, and other individuals necessary to the proceedings will be allowed in a courtroom for in-person regularly scheduled law day proceedings.
- Litigants, witnesses, victims, attorneys, and other individuals involved in court proceedings who are 65 years or older or individuals with underlying medical conditions, particularly if not well controlled, including those who suffer from chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immune disorders, obesity, diabetes, or chronic kidney or liver disease, will be allowed to participate in the proceedings by teleconferencing and video conferencing.
- Persons granted access to Court premises but refusing to comply with social distancing, sanitation or mask/face covering standards will be removed from Court premises by security staff.

Persons denied access to Court premises and needing remote access to the administration of justice should contact the Circuit Clerk's Office in the county in which the case is pending. For Carroll County, call 660-542-1466. For Ray County, call 816-776-3377.