

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

In Re: COVID-19

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-024

This order supersedes Administrative Order 2020-001 entered by this court on March 17, 2020

ORDER

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 this state to “prepare for potential infection in 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, that effective August 1, 2020 until further order of this Court, that the following persons shall not enter the Platte County Courthouse (which includes the juvenile services center) in Platte City, Missouri:

- Persons experiencing symptoms of acute respiratory illness, including fever, persistent cough or shortness of breath, body aches, or fatigue;
- Persons who have traveled to Europe, China, Iran and Brazil or traveled on a river or ocean cruise within the last 14 days;
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled to Europe, China, Iran and Brazil or traveled on a river or ocean cruise within the last 14 days;
- Persons currently under self-quarantine as ordered or requested by any doctor, other licensed health care provider, or health agency (such as the Platte County Health Department) or who reside with anyone who has been ordered or requested to so self-quarantine, pursuant to a determination of a presumptive positive diagnosis of COVID-19 infection; and
- Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 infection, or who reside with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 infection, unless that person and the person with whom that person resides has been released from isolation.

For purposes of the potential exclusions set forth above, the term “diagnosed with” means either a positive test for the COVID-19 infection, or a presumptive positive determination made by a physician or other licensed health care provider, or health agency (such as the Platte County Health Department.)

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry and removed from the Courthouse by Court Security.

Any attorney or party shall immediately notify opposing counsel and the court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any proceeding may come within any of the above listed categories.

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the offices or divisions of this courthouse in Platte County Missouri, and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- Each court division may have information about both their upcoming dockets and the rescheduling of those dockets. If you need information about the status of your case, please consult www.courts.mo.gov You can also contact the Division Clerks directly at the following numbers: Division One: 816-858-3516; Division Two: 816-858-3436; Division Three: 816-858-3434; Division Four: 816-858-1977; Division Five: 816-858-1925.
- If you are a prospective Juror, please contact the Jury Commissioner at 816-858-3441;
- If you are seeking an Order of Protection regarding adult/child abuse, please contact the Platte County Circuit Clerk's office at 816-858-2232 and follow the voice prompts for the circuit clerk's office.
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer, please contact the Probation Office at 816-792-0793;
- For Platte County Prosecuting Attorney matters, please contact the Platte County Prosecuting Attorney at 816-858-3476;
- For Public Defender matters, please contact the Missouri Public Defender at 816-792-5394;
- For Platte County Sheriff matters, please call the Sheriff's main line at 816-858-2424;

For safety reasons, these restrictions will remain in place until further order of this Court. Those individuals who think that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

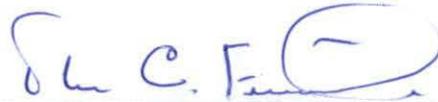
For those persons entering the Courthouse, 6 ft. social distancing restrictions apply. In addition, hand sanitizer will be provided at the entrance to the Courthouse and elsewhere. As recommended by the CDC, face masks or coverings shall be required in all court proceedings unless good cause is shown to limit the requirement in a particular proceeding, such as for a

witness who is testifying. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you. Due to social distancing and occupancy restrictions, only a limited number of people will be allowed in any courtroom at any one time.

If you have any questions as to this Administrative Order, please contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kimberly Johnson, at 816-858-2232 and follow the voice prompts.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: 7/30/20



Thomas C. Fincham, Presiding Judge
Platte County Circuit Court