

IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STATE OF MISSOURI  
COUNTIES OF CLARK, SCOTLAND AND SCHUYLER

In Re; Missouri Supreme Court Operational Directives dated July 24, 2020

WHEREAS, the existence and spread of the COVID-19 has resulted in the declaration of a world-wide pandemic; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative to take steps to protect the health and safety of all employees of the First Judicial Circuit, all judicial officers and all attorneys and parties who have essential court hearings or other necessary business in this Judicial Circuit while balancing the rights of all said individuals and parties to litigation; and

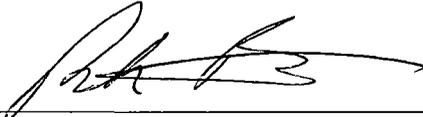
WHEREAS, the unprecedented circumstances existing at this time warrant this administrative action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the operational directives of the Missouri Supreme Court dated May 4, 2020 the First Judicial Circuit Court has since June 23, 2020 been operating under the terms and conditions of Phase Three of that plan which shall remain in full force and effect pending further orders of the Court.

WHEREAS this Court on July 24, 2020 has received a directive from the Missouri Supreme Court effective August 1, 2020 which mandates that face mask or coverings shall be required in all public court areas and during all court proceedings unless good cause is shown to limit the requirement in a particular proceeding, such as for a witness who is testifying.

NOW IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED; Effective August 1, 2020 all courts in the First Judicial Circuit shall continue to operate under all terms and conditions as set out in this court's order dated the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020 in operational Phase Three with the additional condition as imposed by the Missouri Supreme Court's directive of July 24, 2020 effective August 1, 2020 which mandates that face mask or coverings shall be required in all public court areas and during all court proceedings unless good cause is shown to limit the requirement in a particular proceeding, such as for a witness who is testifying.

SO ORDERED this July 31, 2020

  
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Judge Rick Roberts  
Presiding Judge  
First Judicial Circuit of Missouri

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