

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2021-07

22ND Judicial Circuit

McHenry County, Illinois

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Whereas, the Chief Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit entered Administrative Order 2020-11 dated May 21, 2020 to address operations during the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to authority granted by the Supreme Court and said Order provided in part that all people entering the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center shall wear a mask or face covering while in the building; and,

Whereas, the Illinois Supreme Court entered an Order on May 27, 2021 which provided in part that:

“ IT IS HEREBY ORDERED effective immediately and until further order of the Court that paragraph F of the Court’s March 17, 2020 order as amended on August 27, 2020 is further amended as follows (new material is underscored and deleted material is struck through):

- F. Individuals, including judges, court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and witnesses, should not enter any courthouse if they
1. are not wearing a mask or face covering;
 2. have new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic conditions);
 3. currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; or

4. reside or have regular close contact with a person currently subject to a quarantine or isolation direction issued by a medical provider or public health official and are not themselves fully vaccinated.

Masks or face coverings should be worn at all times while in the courthouse unless the person is (1) otherwise instructed by court personnel; (2) under the age of 2; or (3) incapacitated, having trouble breathing, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance. If available, masks should be provided to individuals who do not have them.

~~If a touchless/contactless thermometer is available, a temperature check as individuals enter the courthouse should be considered. Individuals with a temperature that is 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher should not enter any courthouse.~~

All courts should implement procedures for when an individual is denied entry based on the above.

Pursuant to current CDC guidance, courts may choose not to apply the provisions of this paragraph F concerning masking to persons who have been vaccinated against COVID19 and are two weeks past their final vaccine injection." (In re: Illinois Courts Response to Covid-19 Emergency, M.R. 30370, May 27, 2021).

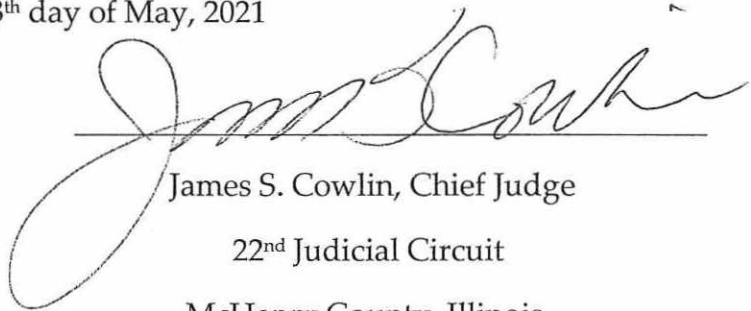
Whereas, The Supreme Court Order entered this 27th day of May, 2021 allows courts not to apply the provisions of paragraph F concerning masking to persons who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and are two weeks past their final injection. The Chief Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit finds it is appropriate to modify the masking rules for the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center to allow persons who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and are two weeks past their final vaccine injection to enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center, commencing June 1, 2021, and conduct business without a mask or face covering while maintaining six (6) feet of social distancing.

Therefore, It Is Hereby Ordered commencing June 1, 2021 persons who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and are two weeks past their final vaccine injection may enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center and conduct their business without a face mask or face covering, while maintaining six (6) feet of social distancing, and are subject to the remaining provisions of the Supreme Court's Order entered May 27, 2021 (In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency, M.R. 30370, May 27, 2021).

It Is Further Ordered this Order amends the masking provision contained in the 22nd Circuit Court Administrative Order 2020-11 and the remaining provisions contained in Administrative Order 2020-11, entered May 21, 2020 remain in full force and effect.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Chief Judge.

Order entered by the Court this 28th day of May, 2021

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James S. Cowlin, Chief Judge

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