

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PHELPS COUNTY, MISSOURI
ROLLA MUNICIPAL DIVISION

COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED
BY THE OUTBREAK OF COVID 19 a/k/a
CORONAVIRUS

DATE: 1 JULY 2020

GENERAL ORDER

WHEREAS, pursuant Administrative Order 2020-08, of the Presiding Judge of the 25th Judicial Circuit, the Rolla Municipal Division of the 25th Judicial Circuit continues under Operating Phase Three; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2020, the Presiding Judge of the 25th Judicial Circuit entered Administrative Order #2020-10, which modifies requires that in all Courts in Phelps County, Missouri, that "each person present in a court facility shall wear a mask at all times" and provides some limited exceptions; and

WHEREAS, this Court had 82 cases on its June 30 2020, dockets, the first of which began at 5:30 pm, and this Court did not have sufficient time to implement Administrative Order #2020-10 before its June 30, 2020, docket without imposing an undue burden on the parties is said cases.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. Unless modified herein, this Court's General Orders dated March 17, 2020, March 26, 2020, April 2, 2020, April 20, 2020, May 13, 2020, and May 27, 2020, remain in effect unless modified herein.

2. Effective July 1, 2020, until further order, in-person proceedings will be conducted under the following limitations:

A. The only people allowed in the Courtroom are the judge, Court clerk, attorneys, defendants, witnesses, security officers and any others parties deemed necessary by this Court.

B. Each person present in the court facility shall wear a mask or face covering at all times except:

1. When a judge authorizes the removal of the mask; or

2. With respect to a court employee, a mask need not be worn while the employee is located at his or her work station, so long as the employee is not within six feet of any other person or is shielded by a physical barrier with a minimum height extending above the head of the employee. If the employee leaves the work station, even temporarily, a mask must be worn.

C. No person is allowed into the Courtroom if that person: (a) has traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days, (b) resides or has had close contact with someone who has traveled to a foreign country within the last 14 days, (c) has been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital or health agency, (d) has been diagnosed with, or had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19, (e) has a fever or an unexplained cough or shortness of breath within the last 48 hours.

D. Court security officers and court personnel are permitted to screen persons entering City Hall and the Courtroom with health screening questions and temperature check.

E. All parties in the Courtroom shall observe strict social distancing protocols, including but not limited to remaining at least six (6) feet from every other person whenever possible.

F. Due to the nature of Rolla Municipal Division's cases and dockets, participation in proceedings remotely by audio conference or video conference are not feasible.

G. If the in-person proceeding is one that is open to the public by law, any member of the public desiring access shall be provided, upon request, with electronic access by either audio conference or video conference.

3. This Court's General Order dated March 16, 2020, limiting City Hall access of persons with risk factors for the COVID-19 virus remains in effect, and shall remain posted at each exterior entrance of the City Hall.

4. Dockets shall be staggered in order to minimize congestion in waiting areas when dockets contain multiple cases. The Chief Division Clerk has the discretion to change the date and/or time of any of the case, without further order from the Court, in order to stagger dockets and/or in order to group cases involving the same defendant.

5. The current practice of increased cleaning and disinfection of common areas and the provision of hand sanitizers and wipes shall continue.

6. The Clerk shall post a copy of this order at the front doors of City Hall and provide a copy to the City Administrator.



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**JAMES T. CRUMP, JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT
COURT OF PHELPS COUNTY, MISSOURI,
ROLLA MUNICIPAL DIVISION**