

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JACKSON
COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI**

In Re: COVID-19 NOTICE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-059

ORDER

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic, and the Jackson County Executive has, accordingly, declared a state of emergency;

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, effective Monday, March 16, 2020, and until further order of this Court, that the following persons shall not enter the Jackson County Courthouse, or any of its Divisions in Jackson County, Missouri:

- **Persons who have traveled to any foreign county within the last 14 days;**
- **Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has travelled 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 been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and**
- **Persons with unexplained fever, cough or shortness of breath.**

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry by Jackson County Deputies or Court Security Officers. Individuals not authorized to enter the premises because of the restrictions listed above are provided the following contact information to have remote access to the administration of justice:

Any attorney or party shall promptly notify opposing counsel and the court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any proceeding authorized by this Court’s Administrative Order 14 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 Jackson 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;
- If you are an attorney scheduled to appear in Court before a Circuit or Associate Circuit Judge or a Commissioner, please contact the Division Clerk

or contact the Court's website at <http://www.16thcircuit.org> for chambers contact information;

- If you need information about the status of your case, please consult Casenet or contact the Circuit Clerk's Office:
Civil Records KC (816) 881-3920/Independence (816) 881-4524,
Criminal Records (816) 881-4351 or Probate (816) 881-3755;
- If you are a prospective Juror, please contact the Jury Commissioner at (816) 881-3602;
- If you are seeking an Order of Protection regarding adult/child abuse please contact (816) 881-3974;
- For Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney matters, please contact the Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney at (816) 881-3555;
- For Jackson County Public Defender matters, please contact the Missouri Public Defender at (816) 889-2099;
- For Jackson County Sheriff matters, please call the main line at (816) 541-8017.

These restrictions will remain in place temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

If you have any questions as to this Administrative Order, please contact the Court Administrator at (816) 881-3658.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 16, 2020

DATE



J. Dale Youngs, Acting Presiding Judge

Certificate of Service

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was emailed to the following on March 16, 2020

16th Circuit Court Judiciary
Frank White, County Executive
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Theresa Galvin, Legislative Chair
Members of the Legislature
Mary A. Marquez, Court Administrator
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