



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Administrative Order 2020-AO50

In Re: SUSPENSION OF IN PERSON APPEARANCES BY INMATES FROM GREENE  
COUNTY JAIL

**ORDER**

WHEREAS, in response to the declaration of national and state emergencies following the classification of COVID-19 as a pandemic this Court, and the Supreme Court of Missouri have entered several orders directing the operation of court proceedings during the crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued its Order and Operational Directives dated July 24, 2020, effective August 1, 2020. The order provides the Missouri Judicial Circuits with Operational Directives governing a plan for normalization of court operations and supersedes all previous orders; and

WHEREAS, it remains the sincere desire of the Court to continue to conduct important and most often essential court operations and meet all constitutional obligations to the citizens of our community while at the same time taking all reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of court employees, attorneys, parties and citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Court take steps to protect the health and safety of the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, all judicial officers, all employees, all parties with business before the Court and all members of the general public; and

WHEREAS, among other means, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or persons touch objects or surfaces which the virus was previously deposited;

WHEREFORE, the Presiding Judge hereby enters the following order:

This Administrative Order shall remain in effect until at least August 18, 2020 and thereafter until rescinded or superseded by subsequent order of the court.

With the exception of the bench trial currently underway in Division 5, *State v. Vrba*, all appearances by inmates being housed at the Greene County Jail for hearings and trials shall be limited to remote appearances only. No in-person courtroom appearances by inmates being housed at the Greene County Jail shall take place.

The Court will make all reasonable efforts to hold hearings and trials remotely via teleconferencing or video conferencing in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Dated: August 4, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Jones", written in a cursive style.

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Judge David Jones  
Acting Presiding Judge  
Thirty-first Judicial Circuit