



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY, MISSOURI
31ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

In Re: COURT RULE ON FACE COVERING

Administrative Order 2020-A044

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 in the 31st Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS effective May 29, 2020 this Court issued Administrative Order 2020-AO35 placing the 31st Circuit in OPERATING PHASE TWO of Court Normalization; and

WHEREAS pursuant to specific guidelines as set forth by the latest official health recommendations, and consistent with the Supreme Court Guidelines and local county and municipal requirements, this Court mandated the use face covering for all persons while in the common areas of the Judicial Court Facility and Juvenile Justice Center; and

WHEREAS the Court has now resumed the conduct of jury trials in the Judicial Court Facility, and as such there are at times expected to be large numbers of citizens in the secure areas of the court facility having been summoned for jury duty; and

WHEREAS the City Council for the City of Springfield has declared that an emergency exists within the city and that an ordinance was required to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, therefore, the City of Springfield has adopted GENERAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE XIII, COVID-19 PANDEMIC which generally mandates that all persons wear face coverings while in a place of Public Accommodation within the City of Springfield.

WHEREFORE, the Presiding Judge hereby enters the following order:

1. Effective upon the date of this ORDER, all persons in the 31st Judicial Court Facility or Juvenile Justice Center, or in a line waiting to enter either Court Facility, shall be required to wear a face covering in all hallways and public spaces in all Court Facilities.
2. Exceptions may be required in the management and conduct of individual cases and will be within the discretion of the judge presiding over the particular case(s).

Dated: July 14, 2020



Michael J. Cordonnier
Presiding Judge
31st Judicial Circuit