



## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY

### ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER RE RETURN OF JUSTICE CENTER TO OPERATING PHASE 2

The Supreme Court issued its Order and Operational Directives effective August 1, 2020 stating the importance that the courts of Missouri remain open. Pursuant to the Operational Directives, the Justice Center at 110 West Elm, Ozark, Missouri returned to Phase 1 on November 9, 2020. As of November 23, 2020, the Justice Center will transition to Phase 2.

Associate Circuit Divisions 3 (Judge Bacon) and 4 (Judge Kruse) are located in the Justice Center. The Circuit Court Building at 102 West Walnut, Ozark, Missouri will continue to operate at Phase 3. Circuit Divisions 1 (Judge Johnson) and 2 (Judge Growcock) are located in the Circuit Court Building. At this time there are no changes to the schedules of Divisions 1 and 2.

In Phase 2, the Justice Center will operate with the following restrictions:

- a. Members of the public who are not involved in a court proceeding will not be allowed in the Justice Center.
- b. The Justice Center will continue operating under social distancing and masking protocols.
- c. Individuals will continue to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms before entering the Justice Center.
- d. In-person proceedings will be held, as long as social distancing requirements can be met. Attorneys may notice routine matters on the routine dockets of Divisions 3 and 4 and may contact the Court for special settings.
- e. Available technologies such as teleconferences and video hearings will be used when appropriate. Attorneys are encouraged to schedule motion hearings and other matters by telephone or video conference.
- f. Occupancy rates in courtrooms, jury assembly rooms, and other areas in the court facility must comply with social distancing guidelines.
- g. Extra cleaning and disinfecting will continue to occur.

**Municipal Courts**

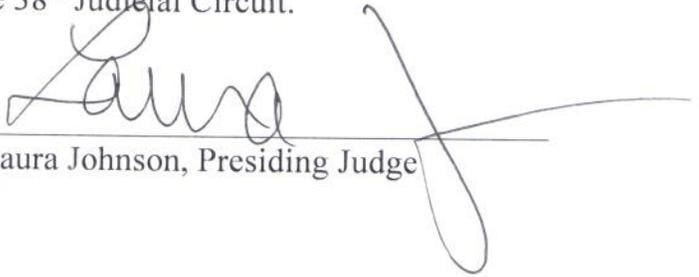
This Order does not cover the Municipal Courts in Christian County.

**Questions**

Please email questions to the clerks of Division 3 at [ctn.filings@courts.mo.gov](mailto:ctn.filings@courts.mo.gov) and Division 4 at [ctn.division4@courts.mo.gov](mailto:ctn.division4@courts.mo.gov). The phone number for Division 3 is 417-582-5120 and for Division 4 is 417-582-5160.

This Order has been approved by all Judges of the 38<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit.

Date: November 23, 2020



Laura Johnson, Presiding Judge