

COVID-19 INFORMATION SHEET
:Springfield Municipal Court, February 1, 2021

Effective Monday, February 1, 2021, and until further notice, the Springfield Municipal Court will resume normal operations. In the interest of public health, the Springfield Municipal Court continues to take measures to reduce exposure to, and transmission of, COVID-19, including:

The following persons will be denied entry to the courthouse and must contact the court by phone at 417-864-1890, by regular mail at 625 N. Benton, Springfield, MO 65806, or by e-mail at municourt@springfieldmo.gov to receive further instructions on their case.

- Persons who have traveled to any foreign country 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 or isolate by any doctor, hospital, or health agency until the conclusion of that quarantine or isolation period.
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 until the conclusion of the appropriate quarantine or isolation period.
- Persons with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or a new loss of taste or smell, and;

The following strategies to minimize COVID-19 transmission have been implemented:

- **Personal face mask or covering** to be appropriately worn by any non-employee entering the courthouse unless a medical or other condition substantially inhibiting such use is alleged to, and verified by, court security. Any disputes in this regard shall be immediately brought to a judge by court security and the dispute shall be resolved before the objecting person enters the courthouse, if at all. Masks and face coverings may be personal or court supplied. **THE PUBLIC IS ENCOURAGED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN MASK OR FACE COVERING.** Court-supplied masks shall be “one-use” only.
 - **Social distancing protocol** mandating that an individual in the public areas of the courthouse (including courtrooms) is located at one, and only one, of these areas:
 - Sitting on a blue “X,” or
 - Standing on a blue “X,” or
 - Moving toward a blue “X.” The blue “X’s” are a minimum of 6 feet apart.
 - **Security checkpoint protocol** to include, as circumstances allow, temperature checks and screening questions before any non-employee may enter the courthouse.
 - **Occupancy limits** of:
 - 16 persons in courtroom “A” (the large courtroom)
 - 7 persons in courtroom “B” (the small courtroom)
 - 13 persons in the lobby area
 - 1 person in the foyer
- “Persons” includes judges, court staff, prosecutors, and prosecutor staff.
- **Heightened sanitation and disinfection** of common and high-traffic areas including additional hand sanitizers and wipes (as available), sanitizing stations, and cleaning solutions.

Persons potentially exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately. Questions? Contact Court Administrator Kyle O’Dell at 417-864-1360.