

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF PLATTE COUNTY, MISSOURI

In Re: COVID-19

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-001

ORDER

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic;

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, that effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020, until further order of this Court, that the following persons shall not enter the Platte County Courthouse in Platte City, Missouri:

- 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 traveled 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 tested positive, been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Persons with fevers, or unexplained coughs or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry and removed from the Courthouse by Court Security.

Any attorney or party shall immediately notify opposing counsel and the court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any proceeding 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 Platte 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;
- Each court division may have information about both their upcoming dockets and the rescheduling of those dockets. If you need information about the status of your case, please consult www.courts.mo.gov You can also contact the Division Clerk directly.

Call 816-858-2232 and follow the voice prompts for the given division;

- If you are a prospective Juror, please contact the Jury Commissioner at 816-858-3441;
- If you are seeking an Order of Protection regarding adult/child abuse, please contact the Platte County Circuit Clerk's office at 816-858-2232 and follow the voice prompts for the circuit clerk's office.
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer, please contact the Probation Office at 816-792-0793;
- For Platte County Prosecuting Attorney matters, please contact the Plate County Prosecuting Attorney at 816-858-3476;
- For Public Defender matters, please contact the Missouri Public Defender at 816-792-5394;
- For Platte County Sheriff matters, please call the Sheriff's main line at 816-858-2424;

For safety reasons, these restrictions will remain in place until further order of this Court. Those individuals who think that 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 Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kimberly Johnson, at 816-858-2232 and follow the voice prompts.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 17, 2020



Thomas C. Fincham, Presiding Judge
Platte County Circuit Court