

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 24 (2021)
GOVERNING COURTHOUSE ACCESS AND RESTRICTIONS
DURING PHASE V OF THE COVID-19 REOPENING PLAN

WHEREAS, the circumstances related to the COVID-19 emergency continue to require evolving health and safety measures to limit exposure and to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure the safety and well-being of courthouse employees, counsel, litigants and the public who enter the courthouse;

WHEREAS, the most recent Administrative Orders of Chief Judge Mary Ellen Barbera, including the Second Amended Administrative Order Expanding Statewide Judiciary Operations In Light of the COVID-19 Emergency, dated May 24, 2021 and effective June 1, 2021, make certain modifications to the Reopening Plan; and

WHEREAS, the most recent guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control, the Maryland Department of Health, and local health agencies, will continue to be utilized; and

WHEREAS, courthouse security personnel continue to be authorized to screen individuals seeking to enter the courthouse and to refuse entry in various circumstances; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is ORDERED as follows:

All individuals seeking entry to the courthouse, regardless of vaccination status, are subject to COVID-19 screening questions and a non-contact temperature check;

For individuals who are fully vaccinated a mask or face-covering and social distancing are voluntary, except in any instances where the circuit court administrative judge, with regard to the courthouse generally, or the presiding judge in a courtroom specifically, determines that measures in addition to those contained herein or in the Second Amended Administrative Order

Expanding Statewide Judiciary Operations In Light of the COVID-19 Emergency are appropriate;

All individuals who are not fully vaccinated are required to wear a mask or face-covering and maintain social distancing;

No person who has been diagnosed with and remains ill with COVID-19 may enter the courthouse;

No person who is not fully vaccinated and is aware of exposure to someone infected with COVID-19 and is still within the quarantine period may enter the courthouse;

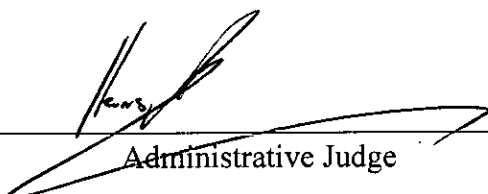
No person advised or ordered by a medical or health professional to self-quarantine may enter the courthouse;

No person who is, or appears to be, ill with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may enter the courthouse;

The number of individuals permitted in the courtrooms and other areas of the courthouse will be monitored, regulated, and, when appropriate, limited by the judges and/or security personnel;

An inmate may not be transported to the courthouse if the inmate: (1) is in quarantine for COVID-19 within a prison or detention facility; (2) tests positive for COVID-19; (3) exhibits signs of illness; or (4) has a temperature greater than 100.3 degrees Fahrenheit.

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