

Sherri Koch *Administrative Judge* 

## DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

District Number 6

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## IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

## THIRD AMENDED ORDER ON INCARCERATED PERSONS

WHEREAS Pursuant to the Court of Appeals March 1, 2022, FIFTH AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER EXPANDING STATEWIDE JUDICIARY OPERATIONS IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY, the Judiciary moves to PHASE V of Operations but recognizes the increasing need for additional health measures; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the authority of the Court of Appeals, Maryland courts are permitted to provide services and conduct court proceedings remotely or in-person; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (the "CDC") may have different guidelines for those who are in shared or congregate living situations such as the Department of Corrections; and

WHEREAS, Inmates in the Department of Corrections may be divided into categories of Non-Quarantined, Quarantined, and COVID-19 Positive persons; and

Pursuant to the authority found in Maryland Courts and Judicial Proceedings Code Ann., Section 1-607, and to ensure the administration, operation, and maintenance of District Six, it is this day of March 2022

ORDERED, that no inmate shall be transported to Court unless they are deemed to be in a non-quarantine status; and it is further

ORDERED, that all inmates who are deemed non-quarantined shall be transported to Court for all proceedings unless otherwise ordered; and it is further

ORDERED, that the presumption will be that all inmates will be transported. Each week the Montgomery County Correctional Facility will send a list of inmates to the Court who are on restricted status and cannot be transported. Counsel may contact the Court for this information; and it is further

ORDERED, that any inmate who cannot be transported shall appear in Court remotely; and it is further

ORDERED, that all trial dates for quarantined and COVID 19 positive inmates will be postponed until the individual can be safely transported to court; and it is further

ORDERED, that all inmates must wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, to maintain safety and health protocols if required by the Center for Disease Control or the Department of Corrections; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Amended Administrative Order on Incarcerated Persons dated 9 August 2021, is rescinded and that to the extent that this Order conflicts with any prior District 6 Administrative Order, this order shall prevail.

Sherri D. Koch

Administrative Judge

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Montgomery County, Maryland