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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 22-09

*Eric Cantagut Weinstein*  
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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

**AMENDED COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES**

Consistent with the Order of the Illinois Supreme Court in M.R. 30370, dated March 17, 2020, as amended on February 22, 2022, which was adopted in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the emergencies declared by the State and Federal governments, and upon considering guidance from the Lake County Health Department and the CDC, in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, judges and court employees, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court's inherent authority;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Administrative Order 21-22 is vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective February 28, 2022:

1. Individuals, including judges, court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and witnesses, should not enter any courthouse if they:
  - a. Have new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding such symptoms caused by chronic, non-infectious conditions);
  - b. Currently have been directed to quarantine or isolate at home by any medical provider or public health official; or
  - c. Reside or have regular close contact with a person currently subject to a quarantine or isolation direction issued by a medical provider or public health official and are not themselves fully vaccinated.

If unable to attend a court hearing due to any of the above restrictions, individuals are strongly encouraged to call the Circuit Clerk's Office at 847-377-3380 to report your situation and for instructions on how to proceed. Remote Court Hearing (Zoom) information can be found on the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuits website at:

<http://19thcircuitcourt.state.il.us/>.

2. All court staff, attorneys, and members of the public may wear a face covering or mask while within any courtrooms or court facility, except at the Hulse Detention Center, FACE-IT Program and Kids Korner (congregate care settings) where wearing a face covering is required. Persons choosing to wear a mask may be directed by a judge to

remove it if deemed necessary for court purposes, such as when addressing the court or testifying.

3. There are no social distancing requirements. However, where possible, social distancing should continue to be practiced in settings such as courtrooms, hallways, and court facilities by leaving every other seat vacant.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

ENTERED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MARK L. LEVITT', written over a horizontal line.

MARK L. LEVITT,  
Chief Judge