



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
31<sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**In re: Court Normalization Order Notification to the Public**

**Administrative Order 2022-AO06**

**WHEREAS** in response to the declaration of national and state emergencies following the classification of COVID-19 as a pandemic, this Court, and the Supreme Court of Missouri have entered several orders directing the operation of court proceedings during the crisis; and

**WHEREAS** it remains the sincere desire of this Court to continue to conduct important and most often essential court operations and meet all constitutional obligations to the citizens of our community while at the same time taking all reasonable and necessary measures to protect the health and safety of court employees, attorneys and citizens; and

**WHEREAS** in all previous orders governing court operations this Court has closely followed and been guided by the most current recommendations of the *Centers for Disease Control* (CDC) and the *Springfield Greene County Public Health Department*; and

**WHEREAS** effective February 25, 2022 the CDC published updated “COVID-19 Community Level and COVID-19 Prevention” guidelines; and

**WHEREAS** Greene County, Missouri, which encompasses the entire 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, is now classified by the CDC as “Medium” with regard to the recommended Community-level prevention strategies; and

**WHEREAS** the CDC has published specific guidelines to be followed which may be reviewed at the CDC website, updated February 25, 2022.

**WHEREFORE**, the Presiding Judge hereby enters the following order:

1. Effective on this date, all persons admitted to the Greene County Judicial Courts Facility or the Greene County Juvenile Facility will not be required to wear a face covering. Wearing a face covering is optional to the individual person.
2. The CDC continues to encourage persons at high risk for severe illness to take personal precautions which may include vaccination, masking, social distancing and other recommendations.
3. Judges, court staff, attorneys and parties are still encouraged to use all available technologies – including teleconferencing and video conferencing – whenever possible to limit in-person appearances to the extent practical and not prohibited by constitutional or statutory provisions.
4. The Court will continue the enhanced cleaning and disinfection procedures undertaken at the Greene County Judicial Courts Facility and Greene County Juvenile Facility.
5. Judicial employees will be subject to quarantine based on specific circumstances. Any employee who experiences COVID symptoms should immediately report that circumstance to their supervisor for further instructions.

6. **MUNICIPAL DIVISIONS**

The municipal divisions in Greene County, including Ash Grove, Battlefield, Fair Grove, Republic, Springfield, Strafford, Walnut Grove and Willard are each governed by this order, but may impose more restrictive requirements as the circumstances may require.

This Administrative Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by subsequent order of the court.

Dated: February 28, 2022



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Michael J. Cordonnier  
Presiding Judge  
31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit