



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI
THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Administrative Order 2020-AO51

In Re: SUSPENSION OF AUGUST 10, 2020, CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL DOCKETS

ORDER

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, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued its Order and Operational Directives dated July 24, 2020, effective August 1, 2020. The order provides the Missouri Judicial Circuits with Operational Directives governing a plan for normalization of court operations and supersedes all previous orders; and

WHEREAS, it remains the sincere desire of the 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 measures to protect the health and safety of court employees, attorneys, parties and citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the Court take steps to protect the health and safety of the 31st Judicial Circuit, all judicial officers, all employees, all parties with business before the Court and all members of the general public; and

WHEREAS, among other means, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or persons touch objects or surfaces which the virus was previously deposited;

WHEREFORE, the Presiding Judge hereby enters the following order:

The August 10, 2020, Criminal Jury Trial Dockets for all Circuit Divisions are hereby suspended. Criminal Jury Trials currently scheduled for the week of August 10, 2020, will be reset to a later date as determined by each individual Division.

This Administrative Order shall remain in effect until at least August 18, 2020 and thereafter until rescinded or superseded by subsequent order of the court.

Dated: August 4, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Jones", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Judge David Jones
Acting Presiding Judge
Thirty-first Judicial Circuit