

**MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT
TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
(City of St. Louis)**

In re:)
)
COVID-19) **COVID-19 ORDER 9**
) **Division No. 1**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic, and the St. Louis City Mayor has, accordingly, declared a state of emergency;

WHEREAS the Missouri Supreme Court has instructed courts in this state to “prepare for potential infection in their community”;

WHEREAS the Missouri Supreme Court has directed its courts to “consider strategies to prevent the spread of respiratory germs into, within, and between facilities.”

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that effective March 19, 2020, until further order of this Court, that the following persons **shall not** enter the St. Louis City Courthouse or any of its Divisions in St. Louis City, Missouri.

- Persons who **are not** a named party, attorney of record, or under compelled attendance by subpoena, in cases requiring in-person proceedings that fall within the exceptions set forth by Chief Justice George W. Draper III in the Supreme Court of Missouri *en banc* Order entered on March 16, 2020, that are scheduled for hearing or trial that day.
- Persons who have traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days;
- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has traveled to any foreign country within the last 14 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
- Persons who have tested positive, been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Persons with fevers, or unexplained coughs or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry and removed from the courthouse by court security.

Any attorney or party shall immediately notify opposing counsel and the court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any proceeding authorized by this Court’s Administrative Order may come within any of the above listed categories.

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the offices or divisions of this courthouse in St. Louis City, Missouri and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- If you are scheduled to appear in Court before a circuit court judge, an associate circuit court judge or a commissioner, please visit the Court's website at www.stlcircuitcourt.com. On the home page, there is a link titled 'Click here for a list of judges and divisions, then click on the list to find procedures for that courtroom'. Each court division may have information about both their upcoming dockets and the rescheduling of those dockets. You can also contact the division clerk directly;
- For information on all other circuits, please visit the State website at www.courts.mo.gov and read court-specific notices at the top of the home page.
- If you need information about the status of your case, please consult Case.net or contact the circuit clerk's office at 314-622-4433.
- If you need information about the status of your case at Family Court / Juvenile Division, please contact courtroom clerk for Division 30 at 314-552-2028.
- If you need information about a probate case, please contact the probate commissioner at 314-622-4140.
- If you are a prospective juror, please contact the jury supervisor's office at 314-622-4457.
- If you are seeking an Order of Protection regarding adult/child abuse, please contact 314-622-3788.
- If you are scheduled to meet with a probation officer, please contact the St. Louis City's Probation Office at 314-340-6999, St. Louis City Central at 314-340-7240, or St. Louis City South at 314-301-4999.
- For St. Louis City prosecuting attorney matters, please contact the Circuit Attorney's Office at 314-622-4941.
- For St. Louis Public Defender matters, please contact the St. Louis City Public Defender at (314) 340-7625.
- For St. Louis City Sheriff matters, please call the Sheriff's main line at 314-622-4766.

For safety reasons, these restrictions will remain in place until further order of this Court. Those individuals who think that they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

For the most current information regarding St. Louis City Circuit Court's coronavirus protocols, please proceed to the Court's website: www.stlcircuitcourt.com.

SO ORDERED:



Rex M. Burlison
Presiding Judge

Dated: March 19, 2020