
Revised Circuit Court Operating Plan

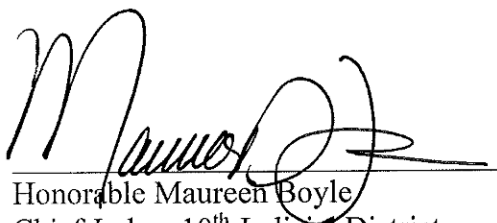
WHEREAS: On May 21, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court terminated the following orders: (1) In re the Matter of Jury Trials During the COVID-19 Pandemic—Amended (S. Ct. Order issued March 22, 2020; Amended April 15, 2020); (2) In re the Matter of Filing of Court Documents in Circuit and Appellate Courts (Temporary Mailbox Rule) (S. Ct. Order issued April 13, 2020); (3) Interim Rule 20-02; and In re the Matter of the Extension of Orders and the Interim Rule Concerning Continuation of Jury Trials, Suspension of Statutory Deadlines for Non-Criminal Jury Trials, and Remote Hearings During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Amended Order) (S. Ct. Order issued October 1, 2020);

WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Supreme Court “no longer requires that personal masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities be part of any plan for circuit court and municipal court proceedings approved by the chief judge of the applicable judicial district. Instead, circuit courts and municipal courts, with the approval of the applicable chief judge, shall make county-wide decisions about what is in the best interest of circuit court and municipal court operations, respectively. This includes deciding whether or not to continue to require masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities on a county by county basis.”;

WHEREAS: On May 28, 2021, pursuant to the order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court dated May 21, 2021, the Judges of Polk County has requested approval to revise the Polk County operational plan dated August 24, 2020;

THEREFORE: The Covid-19 Circuit Court Operating Plan for Polk County is revised effective May 28, 2021

Date: _____

5-28-2021

Honorable Maureen Boyle
Chief Judge, 10th Judicial District

Polk County COVID-19 Circuit Court Operating Plan

Beginning 5-28-2021

Recognizing the need to ensure the health and safety of the employees and public coming to the Polk County Courts, the following measures will be in place:

General

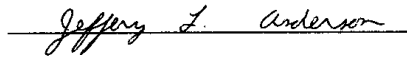
1. Court has returned to in-person hearings. Judges will determine and consider requests for remote appearances on a case by case basis when necessary for the needs of the individuals.
2. The Court will continue to maintain communication with Polk County Public Health and monitor the COVID-19 infection rates in the County. Our plan will be modified when necessary.

Procedures

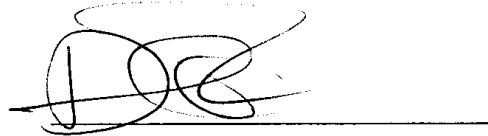
1. Galleries in the courtrooms will continue to be marked with adequate social distancing measures.
2. Protective plexi-glass will continue to be on the witness stand.
3. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will continue to be available in each courtroom.
4. Facemasks will be available for the public, staff and attorneys, but will not be required pursuant to the most recent CDC guidelines.
5. Screening questioning will continue at the main entrance. Those individuals that are sick or that have symptoms of COVID-19 will not be allowed entrance into the building.
6. Courtrooms, offices, meeting rooms, common areas of the building will continue to be cleaned every day.
7. Judges will use their discretion for jury trials and determine if they need additional space for social distancing during jury trials.
8. Any other needs will be addressed on a case by case basis if, or when they arise.

This order supersedes any previous order in conflict with these provisions.

Signed May 28, 2021

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Judge Jeffery L. Anderson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Daniel J. Tolan", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel J. Tolan