
**CHIEF JUDGE DIRECTIVE:
COVID-19 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
FOR BUILDING SECURITY**

WHEREAS the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic of COVID-19 due to widespread human infection worldwide, and Governor Tony Evers and Milwaukee County and the City Of Milwaukee have declared a public health emergency. In addition, on March 23, 2020, Governor Evers announced that he will sign a “Safer at Home” order on March 24th, requiring Wisconsin residents to stay at home unless they have “essential business” to attend to. The Centers for Disease Control and other public health agencies also have advised public and private entities to take precautions in order to reduce the spread of the virus.

WHEREAS we are monitoring this situation and are committed to open access to our courts and service to the public, and to protect the health and safety of the litigants, judges, court staff and security, attorneys, jurors, other participants in court proceedings, and all other persons in the courthouse complex and Vel R. Phillips Youth and Family Justice Center (VPYFJC) in order to fulfill our constitutional obligations.

WHEREAS the court makes the following orders:

1. Chief Judge Order 20-06 regarding emergency temporary measures that have limited court functions down to essential matters, consolidated court calendars and eliminated for a period of time all jury trials, and various guidelines and directives as they relate to court functions such that risks may be significantly mitigated by temporarily modifying court operations; and

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office and Courthouse complex/VPYFJC screening personnel shall deny building access to individuals who may be infected with COVID-19 or otherwise appear to pose a public health risk. All persons seeking to enter the Courthouse complex/VPYFJC screening stations and any other screening location set up by the Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office on courthouse complex/VPYFJC grounds will be required to answer the following questions:

- Are you experiencing symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath?
- Have you been in close contact with someone confirmed or who is being evaluated for COVID-19?
- Have you recently visited an area that is subject to quarantine because of COVID-19 infection?

Persons who answer “yes” to any of the above questions will be denied Courthouse access. Persons who exhibit symptoms of illness potentially indicating COVID-19 infection will be denied access. The Milwaukee County Sheriff’s Office and/or Courthouse screening personnel have the authority to deny courthouse access to persons who otherwise reasonably appear to present a health risk. Those denied access will be provided information regarding the appropriate individual or entity to contact.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED this Order is effective during the declared Public Health Emergency, currently extended to May 22, 2020, unless further extended by Order of the Circuit Court.

Ordered this 23 day of MARCH, 2020



Hon. Mary E. Triggiano
Chief Judge