Administrative Order

WHEREAS, The Missouri Supreme Court on May 28, 2021 issued Revised COVID-19 Directives dealing with the operation of the Court's which supersedes the March 26, 2021 Order and Rescinds the May 13, 2020, May 20, 2020 and April 6, 2021 Orders, and

WHEREAS, The May 28, 2021 Order provides for the Presiding Judge to exercise discretion in determining precautionary measures dealing with COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, the current transmission rate of COVID-19 in Clay County, mainly pursuant to the Delta strain of COVID-19 is listed at the highest level per CDC tracking, and

WHEREAS, the current vaccination rate in Clay County is below 50%.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Everyone in the public areas of the Rooney Justice Center shall wear a mask in the public areas of the Courthouse. The public areas are defined as all non-secured entrance area.

Everyone in the private areas of the Rooney Justice Center who has not been fully vaccinated shall wear a mask.

Fully vaccinated individuals in the private areas of the Rooney Justice Center may, but are not required, to wear a mask.

Access to the private areas of the Rooney Justice Center shall be restricted. Only those individuals who have received Judicial approval shall be allowed in the private areas.

Each individual Judge may at their discretion allow people who are speaking or testifying to remove their mask while doing so.

This Order shall apply to all other Judicial buildings in the 7th Judicial Circuit.

This Order is effective on Aug. 4, 2021.

DaVid P. Chamberlain

Presiding Judge