IN THE 30th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT
LINCOLN MUNICIPAL DIVISION

In Re: COVID-19

ORDER

WHEREAS the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic, and the Benton County Executive 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 Monday, March 16, 2020, until further order of this Court, that the following persons shall not attend to any court related functions by entering the areas of the Court and City Municipal Court Clerk's office at the Lincoln Community Buildings in Benton County Missouri:

- 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 Building by City Police.

Any attorney or party shall immediately notify opposing counsel and the court if they reasonably suspect that a participant in any court proceeding fits within any above listed categories and would therefore not be authorized to attend court by this Court's Administrative Order.

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear at one of the court offices or courtroom of the Lincoln Municipal Division, 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 the Municipal Court Judge, the Municipal Division Court Clerk may have information about both the upcoming dockets and the rescheduling of those dockets. You can contact the Division Clerk, Ruth Eckhoff, at 660-547-2718;

- If you need information about the status of your case, please contact the Court Clerk's Office at 660-547-2718;

- To speak with the Prosecuting Attorney, please call Sean Pilliard at 660-829-2008;

- For Lincoln Police Department matters, please call the non-emergency 911 Center at 660-438-9555.

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.

If you have any questions as to this Administrative Order, please contact the Clerk of the Court, Ruth Eckhoff at 660-547-2718.

IT IS SO ORDERED

March 16, 2020

Michael Hendrickson
Presiding Judge, 30th Judicial Circuit