

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY, MISSOURI
32ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MUNICIPAL DIVISION
CITY OF JACKSON

**ORDER REGARDING THE
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 is a worldwide pandemic, and the Governor for the State Of Missouri has, accordingly, declared a state of emergency;

WHEREAS, the Missouri Supreme Court has instructed courts in this state to “prepare for the 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 today, April 1, 2020 until further order of this court, that all in-person proceedings are suspended, and the following persons shall not enter the Jackson Municipal Court:

- 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 travelled 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 been diagnosed with, or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; and
- Persons with unexplained fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Anyone attempting to enter in violation of these protocols will be denied entry. Individuals not authorized to enter the premises because of the restrictions listed above are provided the following contact information to have remote access to the administration of justice:

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

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear in court and 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 an attorney scheduled to appear in court, please contact the clerk either by phone at 573-204-0618 or email at court@jacksonmo.org;
- If you need information about the status of your case please consult www.jacksonmo.org/Municipal-Court or contact the clerk’s office at 573-204-0618;
- For City of Jackson Prosecuting Attorney matters, please contact their office at 573-243-8188;
- For City of Jackson Police matters, please call the main line at 573-243-3151.

These restrictions will remain in place temporarily until it is determined to be safe to remove them. People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately.

If you have any questions as to this Order, please contact the Clerk of the Court, Wendy Seabaugh, at 573-204-0618.

This Order will remain in effect through Friday, May 1, 2020, and may be extended by this Court as circumstances warrant.

SO ORDERED this 1st day of April, 2020.



Hon. Michelle Spooler
Municipal Court Judge