



**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE**  
**18th Judicial Circuit Court - DuPage County, Illinois**

DANIEL P. GUERIN  
Chief Judge

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***PRESS RELEASE***

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*Office of the Chief Judge*

*505 North County Farm Road*

*Wheaton, Illinois 60187*

**DuPage County Court Requires Face-Coverings**

DuPage County Chief Judge Daniel P. Guerin today issued an Administrative Order effective May 1, 2020 requiring all attorneys and other members of the general public able to medically tolerate a face-covering to wear one when located within the indoor public spaces of the DuPage County Courthouse. All persons inside a courtroom, including courtroom personnel, shall wear a face-covering.

All attorneys and other members of the general public entering the public spaces of the courthouse are expected to have their own face-covering. Courthouse security personnel will have a limited supply of face-coverings. Any person who is unable to obtain a face-covering and needs access to the DuPage County Courthouse for the following reasons will be provided with a face-covering:

- a) Emergency matters.
- b) Petitions and hearings on:
  - Emergency and plenary orders of protection
  - Stalking no-contact orders
  - Civil no-contact orders
  - Firearm restraining orders
- c) Other matters at the discretion of courthouse security personnel.

Chief Judge Guerin stated, “This Administrative Order is consistent with recent CDC guidelines and Governor JB Pritzker’s previously announced Executive Order due to take effect May 1, 2020. We continue to remain vigilant in protecting the health and safety of courthouse employees and the public. Wearing face-coverings while located in the public spaces of the courthouse is a prudent and effective measure to take to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.”

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**A copy of the Administrative Order is attached.**

**Additional information can be found at the following websites:**

For the 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court, go to: [DuPageco.org/courts/](http://DuPageco.org/courts/)

For the Clerk of the Circuit Court, go to: [18thJudicial.org](http://18thJudicial.org)

For assistance with Orders of Protection, please contact Family Shelter Services at <https://www.metrofamily.org/fssofmfspd/get-help/> or (630) 469-5650

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