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**18th Judicial Circuit Court - DuPage County, Illinois**

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***PRESS RELEASE***

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**18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT LIFTS MASK MANDATE FOR FULLY VACCINATED PERSONS**

With recent authority granted by the Illinois Supreme Court, Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy entered an Administrative Order making masks optional for those individuals who are fully vaccinated. Effective today, any individual that is two weeks past the final vaccine injection is no longer required to wear a mask while in the courthouse. However, fully vaccinated individuals may still choose to wear a mask or face-covering.

“We have worked closely with the DuPage County Health Department to implement measures that protect both the health and safety of everyone in the courthouse.” said Popejoy. “The most recent vaccination data from the CDC indicate that in DuPage County, 82.1% of individuals over the age of 18 have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and 66% are fully vaccinated. In light of the recent changes in guidance and additional directives from the Illinois Supreme Court, it is appropriate to lift the mask requirement for fully vaccinated individuals.”

The 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit continues to maintain guidelines regarding individuals entering the courthouse. Any person with new flu-like symptoms, that has been directed to quarantine by a medical provider, or that resides with or has regular close contact with an individual that has been directed to quarantine by a medical professional and are not themselves fully vaccinated may not enter the courthouse.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit will continue operations in a manner that limits the number of people in public spaces, and individuals should continue to maintain social distancing guidelines while in the courthouse.

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