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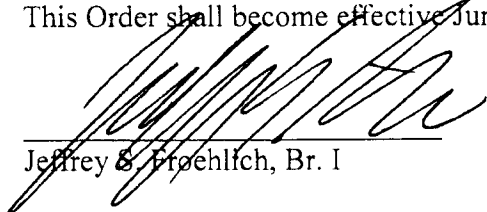
The Calumet County Circuit Court hereby enters the following Order regarding court operations, pursuant to the Wisconsin Supreme Court Order dated May 21, 2021:

1. The Calumet County COVID-19 Operational Plan of June 10, 2020 shall be replaced as of the effective date of this Order. The Calumet County Circuit Court Branch may resume normal operations for all general court appearances as noted below, with the exception of jury trials and mental health proceedings.
2. The Courts recognize that all litigants are currently relying upon appearances in the format as they were scheduled. Therefore, all previously scheduled remote appearances will continue as scheduled. The Court should continue to utilize remote appearances via telephone and video, as appropriate. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 967.08 and 885.60, the Courts can continue to utilize telephone and video for certain hearings without consent of the parties unless good cause is found to hold the hearings in person (Initial Appearances, preliminary hearing waivers, Arraignments, etc).
3. Initial Appearance court hearings, return dates and other mass attendance hearings will continue remotely until August 1, 2021. Court Commissioners also should continue to utilize remote appearances via telephone and video, as appropriate for future court hearings.
4. On May 13, 2021, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated guidance for people fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Following that guidance and Calumet County policy, **employees who are fully vaccinated** are no longer required to wear a mask or physically distance in County buildings. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna), or two weeks after a singledose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson). In staying consistent with the updated CDC guidance, **employees who are not fully vaccinated** will need to continue wearing a mask and physically distance when necessary.
5. **Attorneys, parties, witnesses and the public who are fully vaccinated** are no longer required to wear a mask or physically distance in the courtroom unless otherwise directed by the court. Individuals are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna), or two weeks after a singledose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson). In staying consistent with the updated CDC guidance, **attorneys, parties, witnesses**

**and the public who are not fully vaccinated** will need to continue wearing a mask and physically distance when necessary.

6. The Circuit Court and Court Commissioners will determine whether to continue to require masking, social distancing and sanitizing court facilities on a case by case basis. If masks are required the Court may allow a party to lower their mask or wear a face shield when communicating with the Court or when providing testimony, upon approval of the judge. The Courts will indicate to the parties on the record, what procedures will be followed for child witnesses.
7. The following modifications and restrictions shall be in place through August 1, 2021, **as it pertains to jury trials** at the Calumet County Courthouse:
  - a. On-site jury selection shall continue in the courtroom where the jury trial is to take place. Bailiffs will continue to screen jurors upon entering the court building.
  - b. Jury selection report times and commencement of jury trials shall be staggered and coordinated between the Circuit Court and visiting judges to ensure jurors have adequate space to assemble..
  - c. **Social distancing policies and masking procedures will continue.** The courtroom and jury room will continue to be set up for maximum social distancing.
  - d. The Court will continue to give priority for jury trials to “in custody” defendants and cases with statutory time limits. The Court will also coordinate and prioritize jury trials so the oldest cases, cases with special circumstances and cases with victim rights issues occur in a timely manner.
8. Telephone and video remote appearances shall continue to be the preference for mental health, guardianship and protective placement proceedings and cases with an incarcerated party or parties, unless good cause is found to hold the matter in person.

This Order shall become effective June 7, 2021.

  
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Chief Judge, 4th Judicial District

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