



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

KENNETH L. POPEJOY  
Chief Judge

SUZANNE H. ARMSTRONG  
Court Administrator

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***PRESS RELEASE***

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**18<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT REQUIRES MASKS REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS**

Chief Judge Kenneth L. Popejoy entered an Administrative Order effective August 3, 2021 which requires all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks in all public indoor spaces in the courthouse and annex. These updated guidelines have been made with the counsel and encouragement of our local county officials, including the Circuit Court Clerk, State's Attorney and Public Defender.

"We have worked closely with the DuPage County Health Department to ensure that we have safeguards in place to protect the health and safety of everyone in the courthouse." said Popejoy. "The recent change in the level of community transmission of COVID-19 in DuPage County, along with the CDC guidance on masks in indoor public places necessitated this change. We will continue to closely monitor the circumstances and make changes as needed to mitigate the risk of transmission."

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