



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GREENE COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI
THIRTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

Administrative Order 2020-AO54

In Re: SUSPENSION OF IN PERSON APPEARANCES BY INMATES FROM GREENE
COUNTY JAIL

ORDER

WHEREAS, in response to the declaration of national and state emergencies following the classification of COVID-19 as a pandemic, this Court and the Supreme Court of Missouri have entered several orders directing the operation of court proceedings during the crisis; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of Missouri issued its Order and Operational Directives dated July 24, 2020, effective August 1, 2020. The order provides the Missouri Judicial Circuits with Operational Directives governing a plan for normalization of court operations and supersedes all previous orders; and

WHEREAS, it remains the sincere desire of the Court to continue to conduct important and, most often, essential court operations and meet all constitutional obligations to the citizens of our community while at the same time taking all reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of court employees, attorneys, parties, and citizens; and

WHEREAS, among other means, the COVID-19 virus spreads between people who are in close contact with one another, through respiratory droplets produced, when an infected person coughs or sneezes or persons touch objects or surfaces on which the virus was previously deposited;

WHEREFORE, the Presiding Judge hereby enters the following order:

This Administrative Order shall remain in effect until September 11, 2020, and thereafter may be renewed or superseded by subsequent order of the court.

All hearings involving inmates being housed at the Greene County Jail shall be held in person only when all available technologies to limit in-person courtroom appearances are not available.

Dated: 8/28/2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Cordonnier".

Judge Michael J. Cordonnier
Presiding Judge
Thirty-first Judicial Circuit