IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF ILLINOIS PUTNAM COUNTY

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RESIDENT CIRCUIT JUDGE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 FOR THE PUTNAM COUNTY COURTHOUSE AS APPROVED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE

As a precautionary measure, and in consultation with health officials in an effort to be prudent and proactive to help prevent exposure to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), effective immediately, it is hereby ORDERED:

The following individuals shall not enter the Putnam County courthouse, until further Order:

• Persons who have been in any of the following countries within the last 21 days:

CHINA, SOUTH KOREA, JAPAN, IRAN and EUROPE (this list subject to update);

- Persons who reside or have had close contact with someone who has been in one of the countries listed above within the last 21 days;
- Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any medical provider;
- Persons who have been diagnosed with, or have had contact with, anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- Persons with a fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Any attempt to enter the courthouse in violation of these restrictions will be denied by a Court Security Officer.

Traffic Tickets: The public is reminded that certain traffic tickets can be paid by mail, or by credit cards online. For information call (815) 925-7016.

If you have a scheduled case, appointment or are otherwise required to appear at the courthouse in connection with a court case, and you are unable to appear because of the above restrictions, you should proceed as follows:

- If you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney.
- If you are an attorney or a Self-Represented Litigant, scheduled to appear before a judge, contact the Circuit Clerk via email <u>pcilcircuitclerk@gmail.com</u> Note, a phone or video option may exist. For information by phone, call (815) 925-7016.
- If you are scheduled to meet with a Probation Officer, please contact the office at (815) 925-7153.

These restrictions will remain in place temporarily until it is determined to be prudent to remove or modify them. This Order and all updates concerning this situation will be posted on the Tenth Circuit's website, 10thcircuitcourtil.org or www.co.putnam.il.us.

People who think they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their healthcare provider immediately in the manner requested by the provider.

Further health updates on the topic can be accessed at the Putnam County Health Department's website, <u>bchealthdepartment.org</u>.

ENTER: March 16, 2020

James A. Mack, Resident Circuit Judge