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16th Judicial Circuit lifts mask-wearing requirements for those vaccinated but keeps six (6) feet social distancing for all individuals visiting the Courthouses

After consulting with the Kane County Health Department, and in light of the Illinois Supreme Court's amended Order (M.R. 30370), Chief Judge Hull updated the Sixteenth Circuit's mask-wearing order (General Order 21-11). Effective immediately, individuals who are fully vaccinated (two weeks past their final vaccine injection) will no longer be required to wear face masks at Kane County Courthouses. Those who are unvaccinated must continue to wear face masks or face coverings and all individuals (vaccinated and unvaccinated) must continue to maintain six (6) feet social distancing while visiting the Courthouses.

Chief Judge Hull also released the following information for individuals planning to visit the Courthouses during the pandemic:

- Individuals who are experiencing any new flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, or shortness of breath (excluding symptoms caused by chronic conditions) may be denied entry into the Courthouses.
- Individuals who are directed to quarantine or isolate at home by a medical provider or health care official may be denied entry into the Courthouses.
- Unvaccinated individuals who reside or have regular close contact with a person currently in quarantine or isolation as directed by a medical provider or health care official may be denied entry into the Courthouses.

Chief Judge Hull said of the updated orders, "We at the 16th Circuit continue to strive to keep our court patrons and staff safe during the pandemic while still providing access to justice."

For further information and updates concerning the 16th Judicial Circuit, visit their website at <https://www.illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org/>

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