
Rescinding COVID-19 Circuit Court Operating Plan

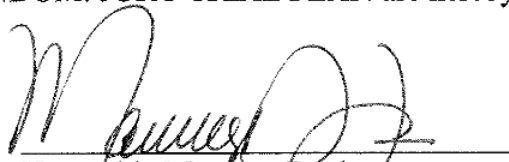
WHEREAS: On May 21, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court terminated the following orders: (1) In re the Matter of Jury Trials During the COVID-19 Pandemic—Amended (S. Ct. Order issued March 22, 2020; Amended April 15, 2020); (2) In re the Matter of Filing of Court Documents in Circuit and Appellate Courts (Temporary Mailbox Rule) (S. Ct. Order issued April 13, 2020); (3) Interim Rule 20-02; and In re the Matter of the Extension of Orders and the Interim Rule Concerning Continuation of Jury Trials, Suspension of Statutory Deadlines for Non-Criminal Jury Trials, and Remote Hearings During the COVID-19 Pandemic (Amended Order) (S. Ct. Order issued October 1, 2020);

WHEREAS: The Wisconsin Supreme Court “no longer requires that personal masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities be part of any plan for circuit court and municipal court proceedings approved by the chief judge of the applicable judicial district. Instead, circuit courts and municipal courts, with the approval of the applicable chief judge, shall make county-wide decisions about what is in the best interest of circuit court and municipal court operations, respectively. This includes deciding whether or not to continue to require masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities on a county by county basis.”;

WHEREAS: On May 21, 2021, pursuant to the order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court dated May 21, 2021, the Presiding Judge of Saint Croix County has requested approval to rescind the Saint Croix operational plan dated June 15, 2020 and amended on November 20, 2020 and February 18, 2021;

THEREFORE: The IN-PERSON REENGAGEMENT: ST. CROIX COVID-19 CIRCUIT COURT OPERATING PLAN and ADDENDUM: JURY TRIAL PLAN are hereby rescinded effective May 26, 2021.

Date: 5-24-2021



Honorable Maureen Boyle
Chief Judge, 10th Judicial District

ORDER RESCINDING COVID-19 COURT OPERATING PLANS

Whereas, on May 16, 2021, the United States Center for Disease Controls declared that “fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing”; and


Whereas, on May 21, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court entered an Order: *In re the Matter of Modification of Circuit Court and Municipal Accommodations That Were Required Because of the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Said Order states in part:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, the Court no longer requires that personal masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities be part of any plan for circuit court ... proceedings approved by the chief judge of the applicable judicial district. Instead, circuit courts ..., with the approval of the applicable chief judge, shall make county-wide decisions about what is in the best interest of circuit court ... operations. This includes deciding whether or not to continue to require masking, social distancing, and sanitizing court facilities on a county by county basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, effective Wednesday, May 26, 2021, all St. Croix County COVID-19 related Operational Plans (June 15, 2020) and amendments (November 20, 2020 and February 18, 2021) are rescinded. As a result, St. Croix County Circuit Courts no longer require personal masking and social distancing in the courtrooms, hearing rooms, or court related spaces. It is recommended that unvaccinated persons appearing in court wear masks when in the courtrooms, hearing rooms, or court related spaces. Likewise, everyone should be respectful of others when making personal public health decisions.

This Order was approved by Chief Judge Maureen Boyle, 10th Judicial District, on May 24, 2021.

Dated this 25th day of May, 2021.



Hon. Scott R. Needham
Presiding Judge – St. Croix County Circuit Courts