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BUTLER COUNTY AREA III COURT

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IN RE: COURTHOUSE OPERATIONS : ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
UNDER EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES :
CREATED BY COVID-19 :
(CORONAVIRUS) :

Because of the continuing public health concern caused by the continuing outbreak of Covid-19 (Coronavirus), the Judge of the Butler County Area III Court hereby issues this order to require the following:

1. Any person who is exhibiting symptoms of Covid-19 will be restricted from entrance into the courtroom. A person so restricted will have their name taken and the Court will be notified. In addition, the person shall call the clerk of Area III Court for further instructions regarding his or her case.
2. All persons who enter the courtroom are required to "social distance," i.e., be seated at least six (6) feet away from anybody else.
3. If a courtroom's capacity has been reached, any other person needing to attend court will be required to wait in the lobby of the courthouse or outside the court building. All such persons shall notify the bailiff of their attendance at court and of their inability to enter the courtroom itself.
4. In Area III Court, only defendants, attorneys, alleged victims, witnesses, and necessary personnel shall be permitted in the courthouse. All other people (support persons, spouses, children, etc.) must remain outside the courthouse.
5. If a party or witness is unable to appear in court because of issues related to the coronavirus, that party or witness is to immediately contact the Area III Clerk in order to notify the court of his or her issue.
6. The judge retains the discretion to vary from this policy, depending on the precise facts and circumstances that may exist.

IT IS SO ORDERED, THIS 27th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021



Courtney Caparella-Kraemer
Judge, Butler County Area III Court