

IN THE STATE TRIAL COURTS FOR DAVIDSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE  
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: COVID-19

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RICHARD R. BOOKER, Clerk  
By:  Deputy

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**ORDER FROM THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE STATE TRIAL COURTS**

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Comes the Honorable Joe P. Binkley, Jr., the Presiding Judge of the State Trial Courts for the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District of the State of Tennessee and hereby enters the following Order for the protection of the general public and courthouse personnel.

The Center for Disease Control has advised people to take precautions in light of the COVID-19 virus outbreak and noted that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Therefore, effective immediately, persons meeting the criteria listed below shall not enter any courtroom or other court areas on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse:

- (1) Persons who have traveled outside of the United States within the last 14 days;
- (2) Persons who reside with or have had close contact with someone who has traveled outside the United States within the last 14 days;
- (3) Persons who have been asked to self-quarantine by any doctor, hospital, or health agency;
- (4) Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19; or
- (5) Persons with fever, cough or shortness of breath.

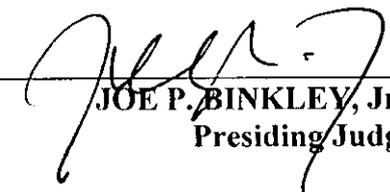
**Anyone attempting to enter the restricted areas in violation of these protocols will be escorted from the building by Court Security.**

If you have a scheduled appointment or you are otherwise required to appear in one of the courtrooms on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> floors of the Historic Courthouse and you are unable to appear because of the restrictions listed above, you should proceed as follows:

- (1) If you are represented by an attorney, please contact your attorney;
- (2) If you are an attorney and you are scheduled to appear in court before a judge, please contact that judge's chambers directly; or
- (3) For any other matter not listed here, please contact the Trial Court Administrators office at (615) 880-2558.

It is so **ORDERED**.

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

  
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**JOE P. BINKLEY, Jr.**  
**Presiding Judge** 