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Ordered this 10th day of June, 2020



Hon. Jennifer R. Dorow
Chief Judge

2020-GF-83

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Special Order
20-SO-04 (45)

**IN THE MATTER OF:
APPROVAL OF THE OPERATIONAL
PLAN FOR OZAUKEE COUNTY**

WHEREAS: In light of the COVID-19 Statewide and National states of emergency, the Wisconsin Supreme Court has entered certain orders related to the operations of the Circuit Court regarding in person appearances and jury trials.

WHEREAS: On March 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ordered that although the courts of the State of Wisconsin remain open, all civil and criminal jury trials scheduled to begin before May 22, 2020 are to be continued and rescheduled by the assigned judge to a date after May 22, 2020;

WHEREAS: On March 22, 2020, and as amended on April 15, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court suspended, until further order of the court, most in-person hearings in the circuit courts, subject to exceptions for certain matters, including those approved by the chief judges of each district, if remote technology is not practicable or adequate to protect constitutional rights of the citizens of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS: On March 31, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court issued Interim Rule 20-02 which suspended statutory deadlines for conducting non-criminal jury trials until further order of the court; and

WHEREAS: On May 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ordered that the March 22, 2020 order regarding the suspension of jury trials, Interim Rule 20-02 regarding suspension of deadlines for non-criminal jury trials, and the April 15, 2020 amended order regarding remote hearings, are extended for each circuit court until that circuit prepares an operational plan for the safe resumption of in-person proceedings and jury trials and the plan is approved by the chief judge of the applicable administrative district; and

WHEREAS: On May 22, 2020, the Wisconsin Supreme Court outlined the specific criteria required in each circuit court operational plan as to how that circuit court will conduct in-person proceedings and jury trials so as to reduce to the greatest extent possible the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus and that promotes the health and safety of all those present in the courtrooms, jury rooms, and other court related confined spaces of that circuit court; and

WHEREAS: On June 10, 2020, the Honorable Paul Malloy, Presiding Circuit Judge of Ozaukee County, submitted operational plans regarding resumption of in-person proceedings and jury trials, both of which contain statements regarding communication with local justice partners on the safe resumption of in-person proceedings and jury trials in that circuit court; a requirement that all persons who are present in the courtrooms, jury rooms, and other court-related confined spaces shall wear face coverings, except as authorized on the record by said judge; outlines practices for appropriate sanitation/hygiene of frequently touched surfaces and the hands of participants; specify that notices regarding face coverings and availability of hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes/sprays in court-related areas will be appropriately posted and noticed; and incorporate many recommendations made in the Final Report of the Chief Justice's Task Force;

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED:

The operational plans of the Circuit Court of Ozaukee County regarding procedures and practices for conducting jury trials and other in-person proceedings during the 2020 public health emergency and COVID-19 pandemic are hereby approved and are effective as of this date. All previous orders identified in the May 22, 2020 order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court cease to apply to the Circuit Court of Ozaukee County and that circuit court must continue to follow its operational plans as approved by the chief judge until further notice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

The provisions of this order shall be subject to further modification or termination by future orders.