
Amended COVID-19 Court Operational 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: The Circuit Court Judge, after considering the recommendations of Crawford County Public Health, and input from a group of stakeholders who met on May 27, 2021, has determined that it is in the best interest of the circuit court operations for Crawford County to amend their existing COVID-19 Court Operational Plan, dated June 12, 2020 and amended July 27, 2020, as follows:

ALL PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING PLAN SHALL BE RESCINDED AND THE FOLLOWING POLICIES ADOPTED:

Effective June 1, 2021, masks will no longer be required to be worn in the courthouse or during court proceedings. The courthouse will continue to have masks available at each entrance and will display signs to recommend that masks be worn by any person who is not vaccinated and any person who is not feeling well. Hand sanitizer will be available at each entrance. Social distancing will no longer be required. Screening of people entering the courtroom will no longer be required. We will continue to use the outside drop box to encourage people to drop off payments, correspondence and documents for filing that cannot be filed electronically. There will no longer be a requirement that courtroom tables and chairs be wiped down between cases. However, approved cleaning products will remain available and staff should comply with requests to wipe down areas between users.

THEREFORE, the COVID-19 Court Operational Plan for Crawford County is hereby amended. The circuit court shall continue to follow this amended operational plan as approved by the Chief Judge until further order of the court.

Handwritten signature of Lynn M. Rider in black ink.

Date: May 27, 2021

Honorable Lynn M. Rider