

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
 : SS  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA/LINCOLN )

IN CIRCUIT COURT  
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

OCTOBER 20, 2020  
STANDING ORDER REGARDING  
COVID-19 COURTHOUSE SECURITY  
MEASURES

CIV. 20-4  
**STANDING ORDER**

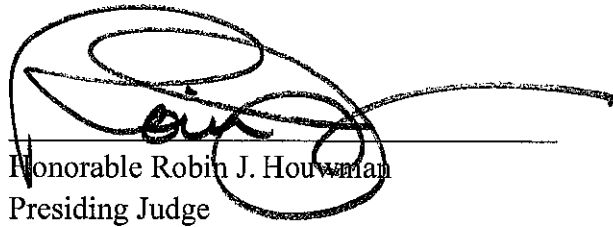
It is hereby ORDERED that the Second Circuit Court effective immediately, will implement the following steps to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, to remain in effect until further order:

1. All persons entering the Minnehaha County Courthouse or the Courthouse portion of the Lincoln County Administration Building (the Courthouses) shall wear protective facial coverings such as a mask, scarf, bandana or other cloth which covers the nose and mouth, during the time that such individuals are present in the Courthouses.
2. No one, including the public, parties to litigation, attorneys, defendants, and employees shall enter the Courthouses if they fall into any of the categories below:
  - a. Persons who have been directed to self-quarantine by any doctor, medical provider, or health agency during the duration of such quarantine or persons who live with someone who has been directed to self-quarantine during the duration of ~~such quarantine,~~
  - b. ~~Persons who have been diagnosed with or have had close contact with anyone~~ diagnosed with COVID-19 until the expiration of a quarantine period,
  - c. Persons with a pending COVID-19 test,

- d. Persons who live with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or live with someone who has a pending COVID-19 test,
  - e. Persons with a cough, fever over 100.4 degrees, sudden loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath or any other symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by the CDC,
  - f. Persons who live with someone who has a cough, fever over 100.4 degrees, or shortness of breath, or sudden loss of taste or smell or any other symptoms of COVID-19 as outlined by the CDC, and
  - g. Persons under the age of 10, unless they are a witness or required party to litigation.
3. Court Security Officers or other designated personnel may question all persons entering the Courthouses to determine if they fall into one of the above-referenced categories. If a person falls into a referenced category, they may be denied entry into the Courthouses and will be directed to reschedule a court appearance via remote means or obtain other services remotely.
4. If a person falls into a vulnerable category as defined by the CDC, they may request a reset of their court appearance to appear via remote means.
5. Those with business at the Courthouses are encouraged to use alternate means for obtaining information and submitting information to the Court.
6. All persons entering the Courthouses shall practice social distancing.
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- ~~7. Any mandatory sanction required pursuant to the Application of Supervisory Responses~~  
(ASR) established by SDCL § 23A-48-7 and SDCL § 23A-48-9, may be deferred in the discretion of the Court Services Officer in consultation with the deputy or chief court services officer.
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8. All judges may use discretion in allowing individuals to remove masks during court proceedings.
9. Courtrooms shall be limited to one-half the posted occupancy.
10. The March 25, 2020 Standing Order, *In the Matter of Converting Misdemeanor Warrants (Notwithstanding Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Violations of Protection Orders, and Violations of No Contact Orders) to PR Bench Warrants* is hereby rescinded and vacated.

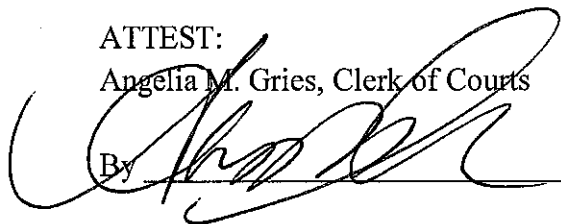
Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

  
Honorable Robin J. Houwman  
Presiding Judge

ATTEST:  
Kristie Torgerson, Clerk of Court

By  \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

ATTEST:  
Angelia M. Gries, Clerk of Courts

By  \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy