

IN RE THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF AN  
OPERATIONAL PLAN REGARDING  
EMERGENCY TEMPORARY MEASURES  
FOR IN-PERSON HEARINGS IN MARSHFIELD AREA  
MUNICIPAL COURT

ORDER OF THE  
CHIEF JUDGE

Judge Kruse of the Marshfield Area Municipal Court submitted to the Chief Judge an Operational Plan to resume in-person court hearings following a near total court shutdown in response to the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic. See attached Operational Plan for the Marshfield Area Municipal Court.

**Whereas** Judge Kruse has informed the Chief Judge that he has communicated with Municipal Officials, the Prosecuting Attorney, the Police Department(s), and the Court Clerk regarding the safe resumption of in-person proceedings; and

**Whereas** Judge Kruse has included in his Operational Plan the requirement for all persons who are in the courtroom to wear a face covering, with the possible exception for a witness who is testifying where the court makes a finding that it is necessary to remove the face covering for purposes of determining the credibility of the witness, and that notice of the face covering requirement is posted at the entrance(s) to the court room; and

**Whereas** Judge Kruse has included in his/her Operational Plan the requirement for proper social distancing, availability of hand sanitizer in the courtroom, and the use of disinfecting wipes on all surfaces touched by litigants to be used between each appearance, and that notice of these sanitation measures will be posted at the entrance(s) to the court room;

IT IS ORDERED that the Operational Plan for the Marshfield Area Municipal Court is approved, and the April 15 amended 2020 order of the Wisconsin Supreme Court ceases to apply to the Marshfield Area Municipal Court.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020

BY THE COURT:

  
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Hon. Gregory Huber, Chief Judge  
Ninth Judicial Administrative District