Trial Court Emergency Administrative Order 20-12
Trial Court Order Supplementing the Supreme Judicial Court Third Order Regarding Public Access to State Courthouses & Court Facilities
Effective August 3, 2020

Due to the extreme risk of person-to-person transmission caused by the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, and which has occasioned the declaration of a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Order No. 591: Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19, and in accordance with the Supreme Judicial Court Third Order Regarding Public Access to State Courthouses & Court Facilities issued on July 29, 2020 and effective as of August 3, 2020 (SJC Order);

It is hereby ORDERED pursuant to my authority as set forth in G.L. c. 211B, § 9, that all Trial Court personnel, including judges, clerks, registers and the recorder comply with all provisions of the SJC Order, including but not limited to the requirement that all persons entering or seeking entry into Massachusetts Trial Court courthouses quarantine under the Governor's Order Instituting a Mandatory 14 Day Quarantine Requirement for Travelers Arriving in Massachusetts (COVID-19 Order No. 45), or any updates of that order. Trial Court personnel must also comply with any and all health and safety protocols established by the Trial Court when entering or seeking entry to a courthouse.

This Order is intended to be consistent with and supplement the Supreme Judicial Court Third Order Regarding Public Access to State Courthouses & Court Facilities issued on July 29, 2020 and effective as of August 3, 2020. To the extent this Order is inconsistent with earlier Trial Court Emergency Administrative Orders or standing orders earlier issued by each department of the Trial Court, this Order supersedes those earlier orders. This Order is temporary and may be modified or rescinded at any time, as necessary, to address the fluctuating circumstances arising from the coronavirus pandemic.

Dated: July 29, 2020
Effective: August 3, 2020

Paula M. Carey
Chief Justice of the Trial Court