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Update for August 11, 2021

Dear Justices, Judges and Circuit Court Clerks:

Supreme Court releases order amending emergency release schedule

The Supreme Court has entered an order related to emergency release. [Administrative Order 2021-29: Amended Emergency Release Schedule](#), amends Administrative Order 2020-77 as follows:

- Defendants who are **high risk for failure to appear are no longer eligible** for Administrative Release.
- Defendants charged with a nonsexual/nonviolent Class D felony **will no longer be required to be supervised by Pretrial Services** through monitored conditional release.
- Defendants charged with a nonsexual/nonviolent Class D felony who have been **arrested on an indictment warrant are no longer eligible** for Administrative Release.
- Defendants charged with a **Class D felony drug offense** who have been assessed as moderate or high risk **are no longer eligible** under this schedule.
- Clarifies that defendants arrested for **any** contempt of court are not eligible under this schedule.
- The provisions related to COVID-19 Pretrial Drug Testing Standards have been rescinded.
- Defendants not eligible for release under this schedule **must now be judicially reviewed within 24 hours** of booking (was previously 12 hours).

The order is effective today, Aug. 11. If you have questions about the emergency release schedule, please contact Amy Gamble, manager of the Division of Risk Assessment, Department of Pretrial Services, at AmyGamble@kycourts.net.

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