



For Immediate Release

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Health Precautions by Kane County Courts

The Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in Kane County is open; will continue to monitor state and local responses to the coronavirus; and will follow guidance provided by state and local public health agencies and the centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Although the present risk level in our area remains low, health care professionals advise that we should minimize contact to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Chief Judge Clint Hull said “These actions are being taken out of an abundance of caution. Our primary objective is to protect the public and to contain and prevent the further spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus.” To that end, the Chief Judge has directed that the following steps be taken:

Courts remain open

- The Kane County Judicial Center, Kane County Courthouse, and the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center remain open for business as usual. Kane County Branch Courts will be closed starting March 16 through March 27, 2020. Further information regarding the Branch Courts will be the subject of another press release.

Jury Service

- Jury trials will still occur but on a more limited basis.
- There is a plan to limit the number of jurors called for service.
- If you are summoned for jury service but are experiencing any acute respiratory illness symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, headaches), flu-like symptoms, have a fever, or are coughing or sneezing, contact the jury

office on weekdays 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at (630) 232-3466 or (630) 232-3467 to defer your service to a later date. These are standard procedures but especially important at this time.

Public gatherings in court facilities

- All meetings or educational seminars scheduled at the Kane County Courthouse, Kane County Judicial Center, and the Kane County Juvenile Justice Center including school tours and mock trial competitions are hereby cancelled until further notice.

Probation and Detention

- All offices and buildings will remain open.
- Plans are being implemented to limit in person and home visits as appropriate per their level of supervision and charges.
- Treatment related group meetings might be relocated to larger areas to accommodate social distancing.
- Probationers who are feeling sick or who have had contact with sick persons should contact their probation officer. Probation clients are encouraged to contact their probation officer if they have any questions regarding their next appointment.

Weddings and Civil Unions

- Weddings and Civil Unions will only be held at the Kane County Judicial Center and only the couples will be allowed to participate. Other family members or attendants will not be allowed.

Law Library and Children's Waiting Room

- Both facilities are open to the public and fully operational. Any child exhibiting flu like symptoms will not be admitted into the Children's Waiting Room.

These are precautionary measures only. We encourage all employees and members of the public to practice precautionary hygiene practices to limit exposure to any virus. We will be providing more information as it becomes available or if there are changes to court operations.

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