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Sangamon County Courthouse Procedures for COVID-19 Coronavirus

The Sangamon County Courts of the 7th Judicial Circuit will be operating at a reduced capacity performing only essential functions beginning Monday, March 16, 2020 and continuing until further order of the court. The Sangamon County Courts will take all reasonable measures to minimize personal contact to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. While keeping the courts available, all proceedings must be consistent with public safety as well as any further policy directives from federal, state and local public health advisories.

Until further notice, the following Sangamon County cases and court proceedings are postponed:

- Civil Jury Trials
- Traffic cases (TR, DT)
- Misdemeanor cases (CM)
- Probate (P)
- Small Claims (SC)
- Family Court (F,D)
- Child Support
- Law magistrate (LM, L)
- Juvenile cases (except as outlined below)
- Marriages

Each party litigant shall receive an amended notice in the mail upon rescheduling. Litigants are directed to ensure that their mailing address is updated and current. Upon rescheduling, the Sangamon County circuit clerk website will also be updated with new court dates.

Emergency matters may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. Individuals shall contact the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk at (217) 753-6674 for purposes of scheduling emergency matters.

The following court proceedings will be held as scheduled, with appearances expected for all litigants unless travel or health appearance waivers apply (see below):

- All matters with individuals in-custody
- Criminal felony matters

- Juvenile temporary custody (shelter care)
- Juvenile detention hearings
- Petitions for Emergency Orders of Protection
- Hearings for Plenary Orders of Protection
- Emergency hearings on family matters (D and F cases) as scheduled by the Court

The following individuals **should not** enter the courthouse and their appearance in court will be waived if they:

- Have been in any of the following countries with the last 21 days: China, South Korea, Italy, Japan, Iran, or
- Reside or have close contact with anyone who has been in one of those countries listed above within the last 21 days; or
- Have been directed to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor at home for the coronavirus by any medical provider; or
- Have been diagnosed with, or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with, COVID-19; or
- Have flu-like symptoms including, fever, coughing, sneezing, or shortness of breath

If you are an attorney or litigant and have a scheduled case or are otherwise required to appear at the courthouse in connection with a court case, but an appearance would be waived because of the health or travel restrictions that have been established, a Sangamon County Court hotline has been created to assist those participants who are subject to an appearance waiver. If you are unable to appear at a court hearing under these circumstances, and your hearing has not been postponed, you may call (217) 753-6733 to leave a message that will be reviewed and returned by court administrative staff as promptly as possible.