

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURTS OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ILLINOIS FOR THE COUNTIES OF ADAMS, BROWN, CASS, CALHOUN,
MASON, MENARD, PIKE, SCHUYLER**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

No.

The Eighth Circuit Courthouse Procedures for COVID-19 Coronavirus

Effective immediately and until further Order of this Court, all Courts of the 8th Judicial Circuit will be operating at a reduced capacity performing only essential functions. The Eighth Circuit Courts intend to take all reasonable measures to minimize 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 Eighth Circuit court 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 addresses are updated and current. Litigants may contact the Circuit Clerk in the county where the case is pending with any questions.

Emergency matters may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. Individuals shall contact the Circuit Clerk in the county where the case is to be heard 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 exemptions apply (see below):

- All matters with individuals in-custody including bond court
- 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
- Any other emergency hearing as scheduled by the Judge assigned

It is requested that individuals **should not** enter the courthouse 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, cough or shortness of breath

If you are an attorney or litigant and have a scheduled case, appointment or are otherwise required to appear at the courthouse in connection with court case, but are unable to appear because of the above restrictions, please contact the Circuit Clerk in the county where the case is pending.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: March 15, 2020



J. Frank McCartney
CHIEF JUDGE