

# TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CIRCUIT COURT OF WILL COUNTY



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### COVID-19: UPDATED COURT OPERATIONS

As was stated in Friday's press release, the Twelfth Judicial Circuit is committed to carrying out its essential functions while taking the steps necessary to minimize the risk to the public and employees of contracting the COVID-19 Coronavirus. However, as more information has been received and further recommendations have been issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Court believes further steps are required in order to respond to this health emergency. In addition to the steps set forth on Friday last the attached Administrative Order sets forth the additional steps the Court is taking to combat the spread of the virus and to minimize the risk to the public, employees and other individuals conducting business in the Court.

"We are facing an unprecedented health emergency and must take all steps necessary to ensure the safety of those interacting with the Court system. Based on conversations with members of the Judiciary and the Trial Court Administrator, as well as advice from the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, the CDC and the Will County Health Department, we believe that the measures set forth in Administrative Order 2020-08 are necessary to deal with the serious nature of the outbreak. We will continue to monitor events and will take further measures if the need arises. We encourage everyone to follow the precautions established by the CDC." Chief Judge Schoenstedt said.

"The safety of the public, employees and Court users is our most important priority. We will continue to work together to take whatever measures are necessary to limit the risk of infection." Trial Court Administrator Holland stated.

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