OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

18th Judicial Circuit Court - DuPage County, Illinois

DANIEL P. GUERIN
Chief Judge

March 17, 2020

PRESS RELEASE

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Office of the Chief Judge
505 North County Farm Road
Wheaton, Illinois 60187

Limited Court Operations in Response to COVID-19

DuPage County Chief Judge Daniel P. Guerin issued an Administrative Order **effective today, March 17, 2020**, rescheduling civil and criminal cases set in the 18th Judicial Circuit set through April 17, 2020. Cases will be continued for a period between 30-60 days from the originally scheduled court date. The Circuit Court Clerk will notify all interested parties via mail of a future court date.

Pursuant to the Administrative Order, all traffic cases are rescheduled and the following courtrooms are closed through April 17, 2020:

- **Downers Grove Traffic Court**
- **Addison Traffic Court**
- **Traffic Courtrooms 1001 & 1003 inside the DuPage Courthouse**

The DuPage County Courthouse is open and will conduct business on a limited scale consistent with the Order. The following types of cases will proceed as originally scheduled and attorneys and litigants are expected to appear unless an appearance is waived or they are restricted from entry into the Courthouse:

- **Bail Hearings**
- **Felony, Misdemeanor and Juvenile cases with in-custody defendants or speedy trial demands**
- **Jury trials with in-custody defendants or speedy trial demands**
- **Petitions and Hearings on Orders of Protection**
- **Summary Suspension Hearings**
- **Juvenile Detention and Shelter Care Hearings**
- **Mental Health Hearings**
- **Emergency Motions**

The following individuals should not enter the courthouse. Their appearances will be waived and new court dates issued if they:

- Have been in any of the following countries within the last 21 days: China, Italy, Japan, Iran or countries identified by the U.S. Department of State as Warning Level 3, which includes the countries of Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom.
- 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, or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed, with COVID-19; or
- Have flu-like symptoms including fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. These persons should exercise caution and discretion in determining whether to enter the courthouse.

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 a court case, but are unable to appear because of the above restrictions, please contact the appropriate division as detailed below:

1. Criminal (Felony): 630-407-8938
2. Criminal (Misdemeanor & Traffic): 630-407-8933
3. Juvenile: 630-407-8856

4. Law: 630-407-8805
5. Chancery: 630-407-8979
6. Domestic Relations: 630-407-8860
7. Probation (Adult): 630-407-8500
8. Probation (Juvenile): 630-407-8400
9. Court Administration: 630-407-8901

The Safe Harbor Children's Waiting Room is closed until April 20, 2020. We strongly discourage bringing children into the courthouse. The Law Library is closed until April 20, 2020. Marriage and civil union ceremonies are canceled until April 24, 2020.

Chief Judge Guerin stated, "Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to take prudent, proactive measures to prevent the introduction and spread of the COVID-19 virus, I have decided to implement the steps outlined in the Administrative Order. These actions are consistent with the advice and directives issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health, DuPage County Health Department and the Office of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker. This order allows us to both protect the health and safety of courthouse employees and the public while also ensuring continued fair and efficient access to justice. We will continue to closely monitor this rapidly evolving situation and issue any additional necessary court orders."

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