



CIRCUIT COURT OF ILLINOIS
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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PRESS RELEASE

In response to the Illinois Supreme Court's recommendations for court procedures, the Morgan County Courts of the 7th Judicial Circuit will be operating at a reduced capacity beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020. The Morgan County Courts will take all reasonable measures to minimize personal contact to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Court is striving to keep the courts available while complying with directives from federal, state, and local public health advisories.

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

- Traffic Cases
- Small Claims
- Weddings/Civil Unions

On traffic cases, each party shall receive an amended notice in the mail upon rescheduling. Parties and/or counsel are directed to ensure that their mailing address is correct with the Morgan County Circuit Clerk at (217) 243-5419.

Emergency matters may be scheduled as necessary by calling the Morgan County Courthouse (217) 243-5419.

On small claims and weddings/civil unions, the parties and/or attorneys are to contact the court for new settings.

In all other non-essential court proceedings, the parties and/or counsel are to contact the court to establish new court dates or to change presently scheduled hearings to phone conferences.

Essential court proceedings are those with individuals in custody, juvenile hearings involving detention or temporary custody, orders of protection, stalking/no contact orders, and other emergency matters as needed.

I ask that all parties and counsel abide by the recommendations from the Illinois Supreme Court attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Reif', is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Dated: March 13, 2020

CHRISTOPHER E. REIF
CIRCUIT JUDGE