

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-3

RE

**TEMPORARY PROCEDURES RE MISDEMEANOR/TRAFFIC ARRESTS -
NOTICE TO APPEAR IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The Circuit Court for the Vermilion County in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Illinois adopts the following Administrative Order:

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge, acting on behalf of the Circuit Judges of Vermilion County, considers it to be in the best interests of the health and welfare of all Public Safety Building and Courthouse employees, patrons, and detainees, and the community at large, to further minimize in-person contact in an effort to impede the spread of COVID-19, by adopting the following provisions:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. **Effective Date:** This administrative order is effective March 24, 2020 and its provisions shall remain in effect through April 7, 2020, unless extended by further order of the court.
2. The Sheriff is authorized and directed to develop and approve policies for the medical screening of arrestees, whether by service of a warrant or arrest without a warrant, for misdemeanor and traffic offenses to determine the presence of symptoms of the COVID-19 virus.
3. **Discretion with Respect to Service of Warrants.** With respect to any arrestees taken into custody, by warrant issued or by arrest without a warrant, in relation to misdemeanor or traffic offenses, **except** the offenses of domestic battery, violation of an order of protection, and driving under the influence, and who have failed the COVID-19 medical screening policies developed by the Sheriff, all law enforcement officers may satisfy the obligation of the warrant or bond by issuing the defendant a notice to appear.
4. **Miscellaneous:**
 - a. The court may issue further orders as necessary to address the circumstances arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, including re-assessing the situation following the suspension period to determine whether normal arrest operations may resume or additional suspension time is still required to avoid the risk of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

- b. It is further ordered that this Administrative Order be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Vermilion County, Illinois and be made available to the public.
- c. This Administrative Order is effective *instanter*.

Dated: this 24th day of March, 2020



Thomas M. O'Shaughnessy, Presiding Judge