

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STATE OF ILLINOIS

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-4-1
(EXTENSION ORDER)**

**IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PURSUANT TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, Governor J. B. Pritzker entered an executive order extending the previous stay-at-home executive order until April 30, 2020.

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Administrative Order 2020-3-18, First Judicial Circuit, was entered postponing scheduled court dates for certain case categories, said case categories being as follows:

- Civil matters, including jury trials
- Law (L)
- Law Magistrate (LM)
- Chancery (CH)
- Traffic violations (TR, DT)
- Ordinance violations (OV, CL)
- Misdemeanor cases (CM)
- Probate (P)
- Family cases (F, D, and AD)
- Juvenile cases (except as outlined below)
- Marriages
- Criminal and Traffic Reviews
- Tax cases (TX)
- Miscellaneous Remedies (MR)
- Eminent Domain (ED)
- Pay or Appear Court
- City Courts (Jackson County)
- Spanish Court (Jackson County)

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Each party litigant shall receive a 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 of the pending case 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 the purpose of seeking approval from the Court to schedule an emergency matter.

IT THEREFORE ORDERED by the Chief Judge of the First Judicial Circuit of Illinois that the hereinabove enumerated case categories which have a scheduled court date are postponed to and including Friday, May 1, 2020. As of this date, April 1, 2020, the rescheduling of said case categories is to begin on Monday, May 4, 2020. With this exception, this extension, the Administrative Order 2020-3-18 remains in effect. Administrative Order 2020-3-23 remains in effect.

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 review
- Criminal felony matters except probation and payment reviews
- Juvenile temporary custody hearings (shelter care)
- Juvenile detention hearings
- Petitions for Emergency Order of Protection/No Contact Stalking Orders (OP)
- Plenary Order of Protection/No Contact Stalking Orders
- Emergency hearings in family matters (D and F cases) scheduled with approval of the Court.
- Any other emergency hearing as scheduled and approved by the Court.

It is requested that individuals should not enter the courthouse if they:

- Have traveled outside of the United States and have returned to the United States within 21 days; or
- Reside or have close contact with anyone who has been out of the United States and has returned to the United States within 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 a 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.

THIS ORDER is effective April 1, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April 1, 2020

ENTERED: James R. Williamson

James R. Williamson
Chief Judge