

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-09

22<sup>ND</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Temporary Order – Covid-19

**FILED**

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McHENRY CTY. CIR. CLK.

This administrative order is entered pursuant to the authority granted to Chief Judges of each circuit in the State of Illinois by the Illinois Supreme Court in its Order M.R. 30370:

In re:

Illinois Courts Response to

COVID-19 Emergency/

Impact on Trials

**Whereas**, this court previously ordered that all cases scheduled for trial through May 15, 2020 shall be continued to a date certain by the judge assigned to the case; and

**Whereas**, the Supreme Court granted Chief Judges of each circuit the authority to further extend the timeframe for trial continuances; and

**Whereas**, Governor Pritzker has stated he will enter a modified executive order extending his previous Stay At Home Order to May 31, 2020; and

**Whereas**, the Governor has indicated his modified executive order will contain the following provision: *FACE COVERINGS: Beginning on May 1, individuals will be required to wear a face-covering or a mask when in a public place where they can't maintain a six-foot social distance. Face-coverings will be required in public indoor spaces, such as stores. This new requirement applies to all individuals over the age of two who are able to medically tolerate a face-covering or a mask.*

**Whereas**, as Chief Judge of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit, the Court finds that an extension of the Court's Administrative Orders, No. 2020-07 and No. 2020-08 are necessary to protect the general public, court staff, judges and other judicial partners from the risks associated with the COVID-19 emergency; and

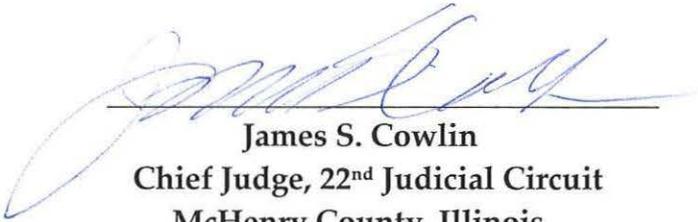
**Therefore, It Is Hereby Ordered** that all cases scheduled for trial through **May 29, 2020** in the 22<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, McHenry County, Illinois shall be continued to a date certain by the judge assigned to said case. Cases in the civil and family divisions shall utilize remote

access procedures as allowed by the judge assigned to the case to obtain a new status or trial date.

**It Is Further Ordered** in the case of criminal proceedings, any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to either the State or the defendant for purposes of section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018)). **It Is Further Ordered**, pursuant to the authority granted to Chief Judges in Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, trial continuances may be further extended as stated in Order M.R. 30370.

**It Is Further Ordered** that the general public shall make a good faith effort to comply with the Governor's mandate to wear a face covering or mask when entering the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center.

Dated: 4 - 27 - 2020

  
James S. Cowlin  
Chief Judge, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit  
McHenry County, Illinois