

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CIRCUIT**  
**KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-17**

WHEREAS, the Judges of the 21st Judicial Circuit have been monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. This is an ever-changing situation with daily, if not hourly updates. The Illinois Supreme Court recommends that courts follow the CDC's directives to avoid large gatherings and practice "social distancing."

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 provisions: *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.*

The Illinois Supreme Court has advised all courts that non-essential in-person court proceedings may pose a risk to participants, court staff, or the public. Courts may avoid risk by rescheduling court events to a later date, especially jury trials and large docket calls, or, alternatively, by holding proceedings via telephone or video remote appearance where possible.

Furthermore, essential proceedings, such as criminal proceedings, juvenile temporary custody hearings, temporary restraining orders/temporary injunctions, juvenile detention hearings, family violence protective orders, and certain mental health proceedings, shall occur in a manner consistent with the policy of mitigating the impact of COVID-19. While keeping the courts available to the fullest extent, all proceedings must be consistent with public safety as well as any further policy directives from the Supreme Court and the local chief judge, as well as federal, state, and local public health advisories.

As a result of, and consistent with the recommendations of the Illinois Supreme Court, many of the civil and criminal cases in the 21st Judicial Circuit, consisting of Iroquois and Kankakee Counties, will be postponed until no sooner than June 1, 2020.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- No jury trials in civil or criminal matters will begin until June 1, 2020.
- For all adult criminal cases, felony, misdemeanor, and traffic, most trials and hearings scheduled for a date before June 1, 2020, are postponed to a future date. *See Court Schedule Exhibit A, B, & C.* Hearings that will proceed prior to June 1, 2020, include bail hearings, arraignments, preliminary hearings, initial and second-look bail hearings, statutory summary suspension

hearings, victim orders of protection, emergency motions, medical recognizance hearings, juvenile detention hearings, shelter care hearings, mental health hearings, bond reduction motions, continuation of subpoenas, proceedings involving in custody defendants, and Saturday/Holiday morning bond call hearings.

- In addition, until June 1, 2020, low-risk and medium-risk adults on probation do not need to meet with their probation officer in person. Probation officers have contacted clients to inform them that they will schedule meetings to be held by phone conversation. Clients deemed high-risk will still be required to report to their probation officers in person.
- For delinquency and criminal proceedings involving juveniles, the only matters that will occur prior June 1, 2020, are juveniles in custody and detention hearings that determine if a juvenile is held in custody while the case is pending.
- Judges will hear cases of child abuse or neglect in which the state seeks protective custody of a child, and judges will hear emergency motions in which children are allegedly abused in foster care.
- For domestic violence matters, petitioners may seek orders of protection at any time. Litigants may also seek an order of protection related to an existing civil domestic relations case (such as dissolution of marriage).
- For the period of time prior to June 1, 2020, all civil matters not deemed an emergency are postponed to a future date. Emergency requests in civil matters will be permitted if allowed by the presiding judge.
- No orders for an eviction or foreclosure will be entered prior to June 1, 2020.
- Civil lawsuits may still be filed in person or via electronic filing.
- Marriages will not be performed at the courthouse until further notice.
- All courthouse tours, teen court, mock trials or other public events, scheduled between now and Friday, May 29 are canceled. Future tours may be scheduled through the Circuit Clerk.
- Some Courtrooms have standing orders governing their cases.
  - For further information on court dates for **Kankakee County**, contact your attorney, public defender, or Circuit Clerk at (815) 936-5700, Ext. #1 for criminal and civil cases or Ext. #2 for traffic cases. Please update your current address for notification of future court dates. Check Courtview (<http://eaccess.k3county.net/eservices/>) for updates of court hearings.
  - For further information on court dates for **Iroquois County**, contact your attorney, public defender or Circuit Clerk at (815) 432-6950 for criminal and civil cases and please call (815) 432-6952 for traffic cases. Please update your current address for notification of future court dates. Check JUDICI.COM for updates of court hearings

The following individuals **should not** enter the courthouse:

- Those who have been out of the country within the last 21 days
- Reside or have close contact with anyone who has been out of the United States within the last 21 days;
- Have been directed with, or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with, COVID-19, or
- Have flu-like symptoms including fever, cough or shortness of breath

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 Oder 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 Kankakee and Iroquois County Courthouse.

This order supersedes the Court's previously entered Administrative Orders 2020-5, 2020-6, 2020-8, 2020-9, and 2020-15.

Dated: April 29, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael D. Kramer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

MICHAEL D. KRAMER  
Chief Judge

**COURT SCHEDULE, EXHIBIT A\***

<b>CURRENT COURT DATE:</b>		<b>NEW COURT DATE:</b>
Monday, March 23, 2020	→	Monday, May 18, 2020
Tuesday, March 24, 2020	→	Tuesday, May 19, 2020
Wednesday, March 25, 2020	→	Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Thursday, March 26, 2020	→	Thursday, June 04, 2020
Friday, March 27, 2020	→	Friday, June 05, 2020
Monday, March 30, 2020	→	Monday, June 1, 2020**
Tuesday, March 31, 2020	→	Tuesday, June 09, 2020
Wednesday, April 01, 2020	→	Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Thursday, April 02, 2020	→	Thursday June 4, 2020
Friday, April 03, 2020	→	Friday June 5, 2020
Monday, April 06, 2020	→	Monday, June 1, 2020
Tuesday, April 07, 2020	→	Tuesday, June 02, 2020
Wednesday, April 08, 2020	→	Wednesday, June 03, 2020
Thursday, April 09, 2020	→	Thursday, June 04, 2020
Friday, April 10, 2020	→	Friday, June 05, 2020
Monday, April 13, 2020	→	Monday, June 08, 2020
Tuesday, April 14, 2020	→	Tuesday, June 09, 2020
Wednesday, April 15, 2020	→	Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Thursday, April 16, 2020	→	Thursday, June 11, 2020
Friday, April 17, 2020	→	Friday, June 12, 2020
Monday, April 20, 2020	→	Monday, June 15, 2020
Tuesday, April 21, 2020	→	Tuesday, June 16, 2020
Wednesday, April 22, 2020	→	Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Thursday, April 23, 2020	→	Thursday, June 18, 2020
Friday, April 24, 2020	→	Friday, June 19, 2020
<p>*This schedule applies to all criminal and traffic proceedings pending in Courtrooms 109, 200, 300 and 309 of the Kankakee County Courthouse. Statutory Summary Suspension hearings are not continued pursuant to this schedule and will proceed on their originally scheduled court date.</p>		
** May 25, 2020, is a court holiday.		Indicates Jury Week

**COURT SCHEDULE, EXHIBIT B\***

<b>CURRENT COURT DATE:</b>		<b>NEW COURT DATE:</b>
Monday, April 27, 2020	→	Monday, July 06, 2020
Tuesday, April 28, 2020	→	Tuesday, July 07, 2020
Wednesday April 29, 2020	→	Wednesday, July 08, 2020
Thursday, April 30, 2020	→	Thursday, July 09, 2020
Friday, May 1, 2020	→	Friday, July 10, 2020
Monday, May 4, 2020	→	Monday, July 13, 2020
Tuesday, May 05, 2020	→	Tuesday, July 14, 2020
Wednesday, May 06, 2020	→	Wednesday, July 15, 2020
Thursday, May 07, 2020	→	Thursday, July 16, 2020
Friday, May 08, 2020	→	Friday, July 17, 2020
Monday, May 11, 2020	→	Monday, July 20, 2020
Tuesday, May 12, 2020	→	Tuesday, July 21, 2020
Wednesday, May 13, 2020	→	Wednesday, July 22, 2020
Thursday, May 14, 2020	→	Thursday, July 23, 2020
Friday, May 15, 2020	→	Friday, July 24, 2020
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**COURT SCHEDULE, EXHIBIT C\***

<b>CURRENT COURT DATE:</b>		<b>NEW COURT DATE:</b>
Monday, May 18, 2020	→	Monday, July 06, 2020
Tuesday, May 19, 2020	→	Tuesday, July 28, 2020
Wednesday May 20, 2020	→	Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Thursday, May 21, 2020	→	Thursday, July 30, 2020
Friday, May 22, 2020	→	Friday, July 31, 2020
Monday, May 25, 2020	→	XXXXXXXXXX
Tuesday, May 26, 2020	→	Tuesday, August 04, 2020
Wednesday, May 27, 2020	→	Wednesday, August 05, 2020
Thursday, May 28, 2020	→	Thursday, August 06, 2020
Friday, May 29, 2020	→	Friday, August 07, 2020
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