

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-M-27
Madison and Bond Counties

Court Operations by the Third Judicial Circuit

This Order applies to the Courts within the Third Judicial Circuit. The Resident Circuit Judge of Bond County is authorized to issue local orders, rules or protocols, consistent herewith, and for the limited purpose of implementing the provisions of this order in that County.

WHEREAS, for those reasons mentioned in prior Third Circuit Administrative Orders entered, and reference therein to various Orders of the Illinois Supreme Court (M.R. 30370), all concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of the Governor's Executive Orders, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to update prior Administrative Orders, taking access to justice and public safety into account and upon considering guidance received from, but not limited to, the Illinois Supreme Court's May 20, 2020 Order M.R. 30370, *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency*, effective June 1, 2020;

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, hereby Orders as follows:

CRIMINAL FELONY MATTERS

Consistent with the administrative orders previously entered, together with the Order of the Illinois Supreme Court, and subject to future Administrative Orders, the previously entered Orders Regarding Criminal Felony Matters are amended as follows and shall apply to all criminal felony matters effective immediately, or until further Order:

In light of the Governor's Executive Orders, and the COVID positivity rate reported by the Madison County Health Department, in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, and in the interest of the health and safety of all court users, staff, and judicial officers during these extraordinary circumstances, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Criminal Felony Jury Trials presently set through December, 2020 are hereby CONTINUED.

The continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and defendants in a speedy trial and proper distancing and facilities limitations prevent such trials from proceeding safely. Any such continuance, per Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, will be excluded from speedy trial computations and statutory time restrictions applicable to same shall be tolled.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is to notify all parties of record by posting on its website and emailing attorneys and by other appropriate means. This order shall be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Madison County, Illinois and that said order be made available to the members of the bar and public.

ENTER: November 12, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "William A. Mudge", is written over a horizontal line.

William A. Mudge
Chief Judge