

STATE OF ILLINOIS
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-M-30
Madison and Bond Counties

Third Judicial Circuit COVID-19 Resurgence Response

Effective November 25, 2020, and pursuant to, and under the authority granted by, Illinois Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency*, only essential court matters and proceedings shall be heard in the Third Judicial Circuit in order to protect the health and safety of court patrons, staff, judges and the general public.

WHEREAS, for those reasons mentioned in prior Third Circuit Administrative Orders previously entered, and reference therein to various Orders of the Illinois Supreme Court (M.R. 30370), all dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, given the recent record number of COVID-19 infections and its rapid resurgence within Madison County; 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 extends administrative order 2020-M-29, limiting all matters to only essential court matters and proceedings, from December 4, 2020 to **January 4, 2021**.

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.

The court will continue to conduct hearings on only essential or time sensitive matters if the presentment of a motion or petition cannot be conducted remotely via telephone, Zoom or other electronic means.

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.

It is further ordered that this order 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 25, 2020

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

William A. Mudge
Chief Judge