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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-23

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

AMENDED COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES

Consistent with the Order of the Illinois Supreme Court in M.R. 30370, dated March 17, 2020, which was adopted in response to the COVID-19 outbreak and the emergencies declared by the State and Federal governments, and in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, judges and court employees, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court's inherent authority;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED Administrative Orders 20-11 and 20-12 are vacated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as provided below, all matters in the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit scheduled prior to May 18, 2020 shall be continued and rescheduled to a date after May 15, 2020. The standard length of continuances may vary from division to division within the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit, so parties are advised to consult Administrative Orders for the relevant division. Individual judges within each division will also retain discretion as to the re-setting of court dates. Notices will be generated by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, who will send notice of rescheduled dates upon receipt from the judge as approved by the presiding judge. If you do not receive notice of the continued date you should contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AS FOLLOWS that, except as necessary for the purposes enumerated below, all judges and judicial employees of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court shall be encouraged to work remotely and conduct business telephonically or via videoconference until further notice from the effective date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, the Sheriff of Lake County shall cease foreclosure sales and the execution of eviction orders relating to residential real estate effective March 17, 2020 until further Order of court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) **ALL DIVISIONS:** Judges will be available in-person in each division to hear emergency matters.
- 2) **CRIMINAL DIVISION: BOND COURT, FELONY, MISDEMEANOR, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DUI:** All cases will report to Courtroom T-110 including:

- a) Speedy trial term cases, statutory summary suspension hearings, forfeiture hearings and probation violation hearings in which an agreement to continue the trial/hearing has not been reached;
 - b) Bond hearings will continue to be heard daily, including Saturday and Sundays;
 - c) In-custody cases in which a plea agreement has been reached;
 - d) Emergency and Plenary Order of Protection hearings;
 - e) Mental Health Involuntary Admission, Treatment, Fitness, and Quarantine hearings; and
 - f) Warrants and any other emergency motion.
 - g) See Administrative Order 20-25 for specific Criminal Court procedures and settings.
- 3) **GRAND JURY:** Grand jurors whose terms expire on or before April 29, 2020 shall be extended until May 27, 2020. The grand jury will be called at the discretion of the Presiding Judge or his designee.
- 4) **FAMILY DIVISION:** All cases will be continued except for the following and these matters will be heard in C-105:
 - a) Cases involving Orders of Protection assigned to a Family Division judge;
 - b) Emergency Child Support matters; and
 - c) Matters which are an emergency as defined by statute and local court rule will be heard and may be conducted either in-person, via video, or by telephone conference. Discovery in family matters will continue as scheduled.
 - d) See Administrative Order 20-26 for specific Family Court procedures and settings.
- 5) **JUVENILE DIVISION:** All cases will be continued except for the following and these matters will be heard at the Depke Center in Vernon Hills, including on Sundays:
 - a) Shelter Care hearings;
 - b) Detention hearings;
 - c) Emergency motions.
 - d) See Administrative Order 20-24 for specific Juvenile Court procedures and settings.
- 6) **CIVIL DIVISION:** All cases will be continued except for the following and these matters will be heard in Courtroom C-202:
 - a) Emergency motions in accordance with statute or local court rule will be heard and may be conducted either in-person, via video, or by telephone conference.
 - b) Discovery in civil matters will continue as scheduled.

- c) Proposed agreed orders will continue to be accepted. Proposed agreed orders should be submitted to the Clerk's Office by email at cccivilfiling@lakecountyiil.gov. Upon receipt, the Clerk's Office will forward the proposed agreed order to the assigned judge. If the assigned judge approves the agreed order, the Clerk will present the agreed order to the on-duty judge in the courthouse for signature. The Clerk will then email the signed order to the parties.
- d) See Administrative Order 20-27 for specific Civil Court procedures and settings.
- 7) **WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** All Workers' Compensation and related matters scheduled in 19th Judicial Circuit court facilities are canceled and shall be rescheduled by the appropriate authority.
- 8) **MARRIAGES:** Marriages and Civil Unions will not be performed at the courthouse during this period, including Saturdays and Sundays.
- 9) **KIDS KORNER (CHILDREN'S WAITING ROOM):** The waiting room will be closed during this period.
- 10) **OTHER MATTERS:** Non-essential gatherings and meetings are canceled. Programs of the 19th Judicial Circuit Court including, but not limited to, Family Mediation, Children First, Traffic Safety School, Victim Impact Panel, and Public Service Employment are continued during this period.
- 11) **SUMMONSES:** All Summonses with return dates between March 17, 2020 and April 17, 2020, are rescheduled and continued for an additional 35 days and shall be returnable upon notice of the Clerk of the Circuit Court. All Summonses with return dates between April 17, 2020 and May 15, 2020, are rescheduled and continued for an additional 35 days and shall be returnable upon notice of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
- 12) **TEMPORARY PROCEDURES FOR MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE PROGRAM.** The 35-day extensions set forth in **Administrative Order 20-20** Temporary Procedures for Mortgage Foreclosure Program are extended for an additional 35 days.
- 13) The Court may issue further Orders, as necessary, to address the changing circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, this Administrative Order incorporates the Temporary Administrative Orders of each division. If the general language of this Administrative Order conflicts with the Division Order, the Division order will control.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, individuals, including judges, court staff, parties, attorneys, jurors and witnesses, should not enter any courthouse if they:

- A. Have traveled, within the last 21 days, to any country designated by the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as high-risk locations for transmission of COVID-19;
- B. Reside or have close contact with anyone who has traveled to any country designated by the CDC as high-risk locations for transmission of COVID-19;
- C. Have been directed to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor at home by any medical provider;
- D. Have been diagnosed with, or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with, COVID-19; or
- E. Have flu-like symptoms including fever, cough or shortness of breath.

Dated this 6th day of April, 2020.

ENTERED:



DIANE E. WINTER,
Chief Judge