IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-03

Due to the global coronavirus pandemic, the Champaign County Circuit Court will restrict operations to essential court functions to minimize personal contact and deter the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The court will ensure access to justice by performing essential court functions and will take necessary precautionary measures consistent with public safety and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and state and local public health authorities.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

The following cases and court proceedings are <u>postponed</u> until March 30, 2020, unless extended further by the court:

- All jury trials
- Civil cases (L, LM, MR, CH, AD, TX)
- Traffic, conservation, and ordinance violation cases (TR, DT, CV, OV)
- Criminal misdemeanor cases (CM) except for those defendants in custody
- Probate (P)
- Small Claims and mortgage foreclosures (SC, CH)
- Family Court (F, D)
- Marriage Ceremonies

The attorney of record or unrepresented party in each case will receive a notice in the mail rescheduling their case. It is the responsibility of the litigant to ensure your current address is on file with the clerk. Upon rescheduling, the Champaign County Circuit Clerk's website will be updated with the new court dates. Currently scheduled status dates may be converted to phone conferences upon request.

The following cases and court proceedings will be held in Courtroom F:

- Arraignment court
- Juvenile hearings (JA, JD) temporary detention hearings and shelter care hearings only
- Domestic violence proceedings for order of protection, stalking/no-contact orders, or civil no-contact orders (OP)
- Mental Health cases (MH)

To minimize the number of people entering the courthouse, detention hearings will be held via video feed between the courthouse and the detention facility.

The legal self-help center is closed until Monday, March 30.

Anyone seeking an emergency OP as listed above may enter the courthouse to file paperwork and attend the hearing, provided the necessary health precautions are taken while in the building.

Modifications to the above procedures may become necessary on short notice.

Dated this 16th day of March 2020 and effective until March 29, 2020, unless extended by further order of the court.

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3/16 , 2020.

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