

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

FILED in the CIRCUIT COURT  
of ROCK ISLAND COUNTY  
GENERAL DIVISION

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*James E. ...*  
Clerk of the Circuit Court


AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PRECAUTIONS

The coronavirus (COVID-19) is a highly communicable disease that has prompted the World Health Organization to declare it a pandemic, and the governor of Illinois to make a disaster proclamation. The courts will remain open until further notice. However, to combat the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health and safety of the citizens of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, it is hereby ordered:

1. Court operations shall continue in all counties except as modified below, the intent of which is to reduce the congregation of large numbers of persons at the courthouses by:
  - a. reducing the volume of persons at the courthouses by reducing the number of hearings; and
  - b. temporarily eliminating large court calls.
2. The following shall be continued until further order of court: all civil bench and jury trials; non-emergency civil hearings (including small claims); arbitrations; and the IDHFS child support call. Presiding judges shall have the authority to make a determination, on a case by case basis, that the interests of justice require a particular hearing or bench trial occur.
3. As an exception to the suspension of non-emergency civil hearings, judges are encouraged to utilize telephonic and/or video court hearings as permitted by law.
4. All traffic cases, ordinance violations, and pay or appear dates, shall be continued indefinitely.
5. The Court is mindful of the Sixth Amendment right of an accused to a speedy trial as well as the rights of minor children and families in juvenile cases. Individual judges presiding over criminal and juvenile cases shall keep these rights in mind when taking action consistent with the intent of this administrative order.
6. Domestic and civil walk-in is suspended indefinitely, except for emergency hearings. To reduce the number of persons on the second floor of Annex II of the Rock Island County Justice Center, emergency civil and domestic walk-in will be conducted both at 9:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Attorneys shall be encouraged to submit uncontested proposed orders through the e-file system. Persons seeking emergency orders of protection should be screened by a judge so that non-emergency cases can be either referred to off-site e-file resources or directed to return at a time when court provided e-file resources are not being occupied by emergency cases.
7. This order will be modified in the future based on direction from the Governor and Illinois Supreme Court.

ENTERED THIS 22 DAY OF APRIL, 2020.

  
FRANK R. FUHR, CHIEF JUDGE  
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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