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18th Judicial Circuit Court - DuPage County, Illinois

DANIEL P. GUERIN
Chief Judge

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DuPage County Court Extends Limited Court Operations

DuPage County Chief Judge Daniel P. Guerin today issued an Administrative Order which extends limited court operations by rescheduling most criminal, juvenile, and all traffic matters through June 5, 2020. Beginning May 18, 2020, civil matters will remain as currently scheduled and proceedings will be conducted remotely using telephonic and video conferencing technology, including the Zoom platform.

“The Courthouse remains open and we continue to conduct all essential court business on a limited scale in order to protect the health and safety of all courthouse employees and the public. While many cases must be rescheduled and courtrooms closed, expanded technology does allow us to resume hearing civil cases on their scheduled court dates beginning May 18, 2020,” stated Chief Judge Daniel P. Guerin.

The Circuit Court Clerk will reschedule court dates and the future dates can be viewed at the Clerk’s website by attorneys at eaccess.18thjudicial.org (*eaccess*) and the general public at epay.18thjudicial.org (*epay*). In addition to this notice, the Circuit Court Clerk will also send notice by mail on the following matters:

- Felony
- Misdemeanor
- Juvenile
- Traffic
- Specialty Courts (Drug Court, Mental Health Court (MICAP), Veteran’s Court and First-Offender Drug Court (FOCUS))

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- Small Claims
- Foreclosures and Forcibles (Evictions)
- Guardianship
- Self-represented litigants in Domestic Relations matters

The DuPage County Courthouse remains open and will conduct essential court business on a limited scale consistent with this Order. Whenever possible, court proceedings will be conducted using telephone and video conferencing. The following matters will proceed as originally scheduled:

- Bail hearings
- Felony and Misdemeanor matters with in-custody defendants or speedy trial demands
- Juvenile detention and shelter care hearings and matters with in-custody minors
- Petitions and hearings on emergency and plenary orders of protection, stalking no-contact orders, civil no-contact orders and firearm restraining orders
- Summary suspension hearings
- Mental health hearings
- Effective May 18, 2020, all civil matters in the Chancery, Domestic Relations and Law divisions using telephonic and video conference technology
- Emergency motions

Pursuant to the Administrative Order, all traffic cases are rescheduled and the following courtrooms closed through June 5, 2020:

- Downers Grove Traffic Court
- Addison Traffic Court
- Traffic Courtrooms 1001 & 1003 inside the DuPage Courthouse

No criminal division jury trials will take place before July 20, 2020. No civil division jury trials will take place before August 24, 2020.

No marriage or civil union ceremonies will take place before June 12, 2020. The Safe Harbor Children's Waiting Room and the DuPage County Law Library remain closed until June 8, 2020.

Chief Judge Guerin stated, "This Order implements the next step in our careful and measured approach toward hopefully resuming normal operations in June."

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A copy of the Administrative Order is attached.

Additional information can be found at the following websites:

For the 18th Judicial Circuit Court, go to: DuPageco.org/courts/

For the Clerk of the Circuit Court, go to: 18thJudicial.org

For assistance with Orders of Protection, please contact Family Shelter Services at <https://www.metrofamily.org/fssofinfsd/get-help/> or (630) 469-5650

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