

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In re:)	
Illinois Courts Response to)	
COVID-19 Emergency/)	M.R. 30370
Reduction of Unnecessary)	
In-Person Court Appearances)	
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Amended Order

In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to article VI, section 16, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); in view of the outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19); and in accordance with the efforts of this Court to reduce unnecessary in-person court appearances and to promote court appearances,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED effective immediately and until further order of the Court, paragraph 2 of the Court's order of February 10, 2021 (vacating and replacing temporary rule amendments to Supreme Court Rules 101, 283, and 286(a) entered on August 27, 2020, and amended on September 23, 2020) is amended by adding a new subparagraph d that temporarily amends Rule 283 and by renumbering subsequent subparagraphs as shown below (new material is underscored and deleted material is struck through):

2. With respect to the temporary amendments to Supreme Court Rules 101, 283, and 286(a) regarding summonses requiring appearance on a specified day (issued on August 27, 2020 and amended on September 23, 2020), all provisions are hereby vacated and replaced with the following:

a. Supreme Court Rule 101(b)(1) is hereby amended as follows:

In an action for money not in excess of \$50,000, exclusive of interest and costs, or in any action subject to mandatory arbitration where local rule prescribes a specific date for appearance, the summons shall require each defendant to appear, either in person or remotely, on a day specified in the summons not less than 40 or more than 61 days after the issuance of the summons (see Rule 181(b)), and shall be prepared by utilizing, or substantially adopting the appearance and content of, the form provided in the Article II Forms Appendix. The court shall make every reasonable effort to accommodate the defendant appearing via telephone or video conference.

b. Supreme Court Rule 102(b) is hereby amended as follows:

No summons in the form provided in paragraph (d) of Rule 101 may be served later than 30 days after its date. A summons in the form provided in paragraph (b)(1) of Rule 101 may not be served later than 21 days before

the day of appearance. A summons in the form provided in paragraph (b)(2) or (b)(3) of Rule 101 may not be served later than three days before the day of appearance.

c. Supreme Court Rule 102(d) is hereby amended as follows:

The officer or person making service shall make a return by filing proof of service immediately after service on all defendants has been had, and, in any event, shall make a return: (1) in the case of a summons in the form provided in paragraph (b)(1) of Rule 101, not less than 21 days before the day of appearance; (2) in the case of a summons in the form provided in paragraph (b)(2) or (b)(3) of Rule 101, not less than three days before the day of appearance; (3) in other cases, immediately after the last day fixed for service. If there is more than one defendant, the proof of service may be filed immediately after service on each defendant. The proof of service need not state whether a copy of the complaint was served. A party who has placed a summons with an officer or other person who is authorized to serve process, but who does not have access to the court filing system, shall file the proof of service obtained from the officer. Failure to return the summons or file proof of service does not invalidate the summons or the service thereof, if had.

d. Supreme Court Rule 283 is hereby amended as follows:

Summons in small claims shall require each defendant to appear on a day specified in the summons not less than ~~1440~~ or more than ~~4061~~ days after issuance of the summons (see Rule 181(b)) and shall be in the form provided for in Rule 101(b) in actions for money not in excess of \$50,000.

ed. Supreme Court Rule 284(c) is hereby amended as follows:

The return receipt, when returned to the clerk, shall be filed by the clerk. If the receipt shows delivery at least 21 days before the day for appearance, the receipt shall constitute proof of service.

fe. In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 101(g), the use of the wrong form of summons, either before or after the effective date of this order, shall not affect the jurisdiction of the court.

Order entered by the Court.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of said Supreme Court, in Springfield, in said State, this 28th day of May, 2021.

Carolyn Taft Gosbell Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois