

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
WASHINGTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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*Caita Berglund*  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Washington County Illinois

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-AO-3

IN RE: COURT OPERATIONS UNDER THE EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES  
CREATED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS

In light of Illinois Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, General Administrative Order 20-9 entered by the Chief Judge of the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, and the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the prior Administrative Order No. 2020-AO-2 entered by this Court is hereby extended and modified as follows:

1. All criminal felony (CF) hearings, in which the defendant is not in custody, are to be continued until after May 31, 2020. An Order to continue shall be prepared by the State and will be entered in each case. All hearings in felony cases in which the defendant is in custody will be held as usual, by means of two-way audio-visual communication, if possible;
2. All criminal misdemeanor (CM), driving under the influence (DT), traffic (TR), conservation (CV), and ordinance violation (OV) hearings in which the defendant is not in custody, or in which does not involve a petition to rescind statutory summary suspension, are to be continued until after May 31, 2020. An Order to continue shall be prepared by the State and will be entered in each case. All hearings in any of these cases in which the defendant is in custody will be held as usual, by means of two-way audio-visual communication, if possible. Any hearings involving a petition to rescind statutory summary suspension, will be held at the direction of the judge assigned to the case;
3. All Washington County Drug Court hearings shall continue to take place, by means of two-way audio-visual communication, if possible, or as otherwise directed by the Drug Court Judge;
4. All juvenile delinquency (JD) hearings, other than detention hearings, shall be continued until after May 31, 2020. An Order to continue shall be prepared by the State and will be entered in each case. All detention hearings shall be held by means of two-way audio-visual communication, if possible;

5. All juvenile abuse, neglect, or dependency (JA) hearings, other than shelter care hearings, shall be continued until after May 31, 2020. An Order to continue shall be prepared by the State and will be entered in each case. All shelter care hearings shall be held by means of two-way audio-visual communication, if possible;
6. All order of protection and no contact order (OP) cases shall be continued until after May 31, 2020. In any of these cases in which an emergency order was entered, said emergency order shall be extended by the Court until a date after May 31, 2020;
7. All other civil case hearings, other than conference call hearings, shall be continued until after May 31, 2020;
8. In any case continued by this Order, any party may request the Court for a hearing within the affected time frame by filing a written motion with the Circuit Clerk. Such settings may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis, in the Court's discretion, and held, if possible, remotely via teleconference; and
9. Each party shall receive notice by the Circuit Clerk of rescheduled hearing dates. It is the responsibility of the parties to ensure that their mailing addresses are updated and current with the Circuit Clerk.

Entered this 24 day of April, 2020.



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Daniel J. Erge, Circuit Judge