

## OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY

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## Clerk Dorothy Brown Urges Limited In-Person Contact at Clerk's Office During Coronavirus Health Concerns, Promotes Use of Remote Access Services

(Chicago) Hon. Dorothy Brown, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, IL, is urging all court users to limit in-person contact at the Clerk's Office during the coronavirus high-risk health environment, by increasing their use of the Clerk's Office's various remote access services, including the Clerk's Office mobile app.

"To protect the public and our employees at this time, we are asking attorneys and self-represented litigants to, as much as possible, limit their visits to the Clerk's Office," Clerk Brown said. "Customers should use our online services: eFiling for civil case filings; ePlea to pay traffic tickets, request a traffic court date, or request traffic safety school; email services for various court documents and other requests; Pay by Phone services to make payments, and download the Court Clerk Mobile Connect app on iPhone and Android devices to access civil case docket, traffic tickets, civil court call, and general information."

The Office of the Chief Judge Timothy Evans has announced that many criminal and civil cases in the Circuit Court of Cook County will be postponed for a 30-day period starting on Tuesday, March 17, due to the spread of the coronavirus. Court will resume on Thursday, April 16. More information is available at <u>www.cookcountycourt.org</u>.

In response to the public health concerns, Clerk Brown's Office has produced an informational flyer with useful information about the various ways that the public can access the Clerk's Office and obtain services remotely. The flyer lists the phone numbers and email addresses for each of the Clerk's Office's divisions/districts. The flyer will be posted on the Clerk's Office's website (www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org) and in Clerk's Office's locations, and distributed through social media (facebook.com/Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County) (twitter.com/CourtClerkBrown).

"Please visit the Clerk's Office's website at www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org to use the online services or contact the Clerk's Office by phone or email to request certain Clerk's Office services," Clerk Brown said. "It is very important that we do what we can to reduce in-person interactions whenever possible during this time."

The public may call the Clerk's Office at (312) 603-5030 for more information and visit www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org for updates.