

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

GENERAL ORDER 20 - 18

*In re the Resumption of Court
Operations*

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WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, the Supreme Court of Illinois modified its Order of March 17, 2020 allowing each Judicial Circuit to resume operations, whether in person or remotely, according to a schedule to be adopted for each county by the chief judge of each circuit, effective June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the presiding judge of each county is in the best position to determine the appropriate schedule for hearing cases in the courthouse of each county in the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit; and

WHEREAS, the presiding judge of each county has been addressing the various factors enumerated by the Supreme Court with respect to the resumption of court operations in each county; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted by the Supreme Court, and and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and (c), and the inherent authority of the Court;

IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Presiding Judges of each county in the Twenty-Third Judicial are authorized to set forth schedules and proper safety precautions with respect to the resumption of court operations on or after June 1, 2020.
2. In doing so, each Presiding Judge shall consider, but not be limited to, the various factors enumerated by the Supreme Court in its order of May 20, 2020, as well as its Guidelines for Resuming Illinois Judicial Branch Operations during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
3. The Presiding Judge of each county is authorized to enact specific policy and procedures to address their respective judicial facility and case needs, and shall continue to promote the use of remote hearings where appropriate.

This General Order shall be effective upon entry, and shall remain in effect until superseded or amended.

Enter: May 27, 2020.



Hon. Robert P. Pilmer
CHIEF JUDGE