

## PRESS RELEASE

### Greene County Courthouse Procedures for COVID-19 Coronavirus

Following recommendations by the Illinois Supreme Court, the Greene County Court will be operating at a reduced capacity performing only essential functions beginning Monday, March 23, 2020 and continuing until further order of the court. The Greene County Court will take all reasonable measures to minimize personal contact to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. While keeping the court available, all proceedings must be consistent with public safety as well as any further policy directives from federal, state and local public health advisories.

**Until further notice, the following Greene County cases and court proceedings are postponed:**

- Civil Jury Trials
- Traffic cases (TR,DT)
- Misdemeanor cases (CM)
- Probate (P)
- Small Claims (SC)
- Family Court (F,D)
- Child Support
- Law cases (LM,L)
- Juvenile cases (except as outlined below)
- Marriages

Each party litigant and attorneys shall receive an amended notice in the mail upon rescheduling. Litigants are directed to ensure that their mailing address is updated and current.

Emergency matters may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. Individuals and attorneys shall contact the Greene County Circuit Clerk at (217) 942-3421 for purposes of scheduling emergency matters.

**The following court proceedings will be held as scheduled, with appearances expected for all litigants unless health appearance waivers apply (see below):**

- All matters with individuals in-custody
- Criminal felony matters
- Criminal jury trials scheduled April 13 are not postponed but summoned jurors are reminded to call the circuit clerk's office after 4:00 PM on April 10.
- Juvenile temporary custody (shelter care)
- Juvenile detention hearings
- Petitions for Emergency Orders of Protection
- Hearings for Plenary Orders of Protection
- Emergency hearings on family matters (D and F cases) as scheduled by the Court

The following individuals **should not** enter the courthouse and their appearances in court will be waived if they:

- Have been directed to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor at home for the coronavirus by any medical provider; or
- Have been diagnosed with, or have had close contact with anyone diagnosed with, COVIC-19; or
- Have flu-like symptoms including fever, coughing, sneezing or shortness of breath
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If you are an attorney or litigant and have a scheduled case, appointment or are otherwise required to appear at the courthouse in connection with a court case, but are unable to appear because of the above restrictions, please contact the circuit clerk at (217) 942-3421. The court will make reasonable accommodations and reschedule appearances and hearings as needed.

Shirley Thornton  
Circuit Clerk

James W. Day  
Circuit Judge