



OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
18th Judicial Circuit Court - DuPage County, Illinois

DANIEL P. GUERIN
Chief Judge

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PRESS RELEASE

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505 North County Farm Road
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Court Operations in Response to COVID-19

DuPage County Chief Judge Daniel P. Guerin has today issued an Administrative Order effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 rescheduling civil and criminal cases set in the 18th Judicial Circuit through April 17, 2020. Cases will be continued for a period of between 30-60 days from the originally scheduled court date. The Circuit Court Clerk will notify via mail all interested parties of a future court date. The Administrative Order specifies that certain matters will proceed as originally scheduled. These include: bail hearings; felony, misdemeanor, and juvenile cases with in-custody defendants and jury trials with in-custody defendants; order of protection cases; summary suspension hearings; juvenile detention and shelter care hearings; mental health hearings and emergency motions.

As a result of the Administrative Order, traffic courts in Addison, Downers Grove and traffic courtrooms 1001 and 1003 in the DuPage County courthouse

will close through April 17, 2020. However, **the DuPage County courthouse remains open and conducting business on a limited scale consistent with this Administrative Order.**

In addition to case continuances, the Order cancels all marriage and civil union ceremonies until April 24, 2020 and closes the Safe Harbor Children's Waiting room until April 20, 2020. A previous Chief Judge Directive cancelled student tours and training/education seminars and meetings for outside groups through April 17, 2020.

Chief Judge Guerin stated, "Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to take prudent, proactive measures to prevent the introduction and spread of the COVID-19 virus, I have decided to implement the steps outlined in the Administrative Order. These actions are consistent with the advice and directives issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health, DuPage County Health Department and the Office of Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker. This order allows us to both protect the health and safety of courthouse employees and the public while also ensuring continued fair and efficient access to justice. We will continue to closely monitor this rapidly evolving situation and issue any additional necessary court orders."

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