IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT UNION COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Administrative Order No. 2021-4



Order Limiting Court Operations Through Friday, January 22, 2021

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues throughout the State of Illinois and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 705 ILCS 105/6 and Rule 1.13 of the Rules of the First Judicial Circuit Court, the operations and closure of the Union County Circuit Clerk are subject to order of the Presiding Judge; and

WHEREAS, in light of recent potential exposure to COVID-19, the Presiding Judge has determined that operations of the Union County Circuit Clerk's Office and the Union County Circuit Court should be limited through and including January 22, 2021 to protect the health of all court personnel, litigants and the public.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The Union County Circuit Clerk's Office is closed effective beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, January 19, 2021 through and including Friday, January 22, 2021. E-filing shall be accepted during this time, but all filing deadlines shall be extended as provided by law or rule.

All cases set in the Union County Circuit Court which have a scheduled court date beginning at noon Tuesday, January 19, 2021 through and including Friday, January 22, 2021 are postponed except the following:

- All first appearance hearings where defendant <u>is in custody</u>. Such hearings shall be conducted with the defendant appearing via video transmission from the Jackson County Jail
- JA and JD cases
- Emergency orders of protection
- Emergency matters scheduled with approval of the Presiding Judge

This Order shall be effective immediately.

Entered this 19th day of January, 2021.

Tyler R. Edmonds,

Presiding Judge of Union County