

**TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**State of Illinois**

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**St. Clair County Court Response to COVID-19 Emergency/Impact on Court Proceedings**

Considering the COVID-19 positivity rates in St. Clair County and in order to ensure the safety of the general public, court personnel and the judiciary, the prior directives listed below shall be extended until Monday, March 1, 2021:

1. All civil, criminal and traffic matters, including hearings and status conferences, are to be held remotely.
2. All family matters are to be conducted remotely until further notice. Any matter that is currently scheduled for an in-person appearance will now be conducted remotely. If parties are unable to appear or participate remotely they should contact the Circuit Clerk to file an appropriate Motion.
3. All arbitration, mediation, foreclosure and probate matters are to be held remotely.
4. All forcible entry and detainer actions/evictions are continued generally until further order of court.
5. No wedding or civil union ceremonies will be conducted.
6. All juvenile matters, except for Shelter Care and Detention hearings, are continued unless they can be held remotely.
7. Probation Department hours are now 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.
8. All hearings regarding Plenary Orders of Protection, Emergency Orders of Protection, Plenary and Emergency Stalking No Contact Orders, and Plenary and Emergency Civil No Contact Orders will be held remotely. A party may seek emergency relief from such Orders upon the filing of a motion with the assigned judge. Such hearings will be heard by the assigned judge at his or her discretion and conducted remotely.