

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
OF ILLINOIS, ADAMS COUNTY**

**Administrative Order No. 18**

**Additional Adams County Courthouse Procedures for COVID-19 Coronavirus**

On July 31, 2020, Presiding Judge Scott D. Larson was advised that several employees of the Adams County Sheriff's Department have tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, several other officers are presumed positive and have been quarantined. The Sheriff's Department and the Adams County Board, in conjunction with the Adams County Health Department, are in the process of contact tracing.

The Adams County Courthouse will be **closed to the public on Monday August 3, 2020** to allow additional testing of department personnel and a deep cleaning of all public spaces in the courthouse.

Commencing **Tuesday, August 4, 2020**, until further order, the following Eighth Circuit-Adams County in-person court proceedings are postponed:

- Civil matters including Jury Trials
- Traffic cases (TR, DT) except summary suspension hearings
- Ordinance violations (OV)
- Misdemeanor cases (CM)
- Probate (P)
- Small Claims (SC)
- Family Court (F,D)
- Child Support
- Law magistrate (LM, L, CH)
- Juvenile cases (except as outlined below)
- Marriages
- Criminal Felony probation and payment reviews

Each party litigant shall receive an amended notice in the mail upon rescheduling. Litigants are directed to ensure that their mailing addresses are updated and current. Litigants may contact the Adams Circuit Clerk with any questions. Emergency matters may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis by contacting the Adams County Circuit Clerk.

Alternatively, pursuant to recently enacted Supreme Court Rule 45 and amended Rules 46 and 241, Judges, counsel and litigants are encouraged to implement remote court appearances in the above-referenced cases to advance the cases given the temporary restrictions on in-person court appearances.

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

- All matters with individuals in-custody including bond court
- Criminal felony matters except probation and payment reviews
- 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
- Statutory Summary Suspension Hearings
- Any other emergency hearing as scheduled by the Judge assigned

It is requested that individuals **should not** enter the courthouse 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, COVID-19; or
- Have flu-like symptoms including, fever, cough or shortness of breath

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 court case, but are unable to appear because of the above restrictions, please contact the Circuit Clerk in the county where the case is pending.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: July 31, 2020



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Scott D. Larson, Presiding Judge