

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2021-23

Out of an abundance of caution and in response to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, and a quarantine of the office of the State's Attorney, the Fourth Judicial Circuit is amending its procedures in an attempt to reduce the possibility of spreading the disease.

An Order of the Illinois Supreme Court was entered on March 20, 2020, allowing the Chief Judge of each circuit to continue all trials, including in-custody trials, for the next 60 days and until further order of the Illinois Supreme Court without the continuance being attributable to the State or the Defendant for purposes of Section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5);

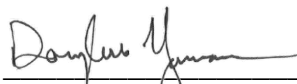
A subsequent Order of the Illinois Supreme Court was entered on June 30, 2021, allowing the Chief Judge of each circuit to continue all trials, including in-custody trials, until further order of the Illinois Supreme Court;

That Fayette County continues to experience high rates of infection of COVID-19, including a quarantine of the office of the State's Attorney, and continuing jury trials is necessary to mitigate the spread of the disease and ensure the health and safety of the residents of Fayette County.

Therefore: all civil and criminal jury trials in Fayette County in the Fourth Judicial Circuit for the weeks starting September 20, 2021 and September 27, 2021, are continued by Order of the Illinois Supreme Court and the Fourth Judicial Circuit without this delay being attributed to the State or the Defendant.

The Circuit Clerk will provide notice to all litigants of the dates their cases will be continued to.

Entered: September 15, 2021



Douglas L. Jarman, Chief Judge
Fourth Judicial Circuit