

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS IN THE )  
SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PURSUANT TO )  
COVID-19 PANDEMIC )

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-8**

**WHEREAS**, in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to protect the general health and well-being of the general public, there has been declared both a state of emergency in Illinois and a national emergency in the United States of America; and

**WHEREAS**, the above declarations direct that persons take certain precautions in response to the global pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, precautions include that large gatherings of persons are to be avoided and group activities have been restricted in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 illness to the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the administrative authority given to the Chief Circuit Judge pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21 and the court's inherent authority; and

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** by the Chief Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit of Illinois that the following cases set in the Second Judicial Circuit Court which have a scheduled court date are **postponed**:

- Civil matters, including jury trials
- Traffic violations (TR, DT)
- Ordinance violations (OV, CL)
- Misdemeanor cases (CM)
- Probate (P)
- Family cases (F,D)
- Law magistrate (LM, L, CH)
- Juveniles cases (except as outlined below)
- Marriages
- Criminal and Traffic Reviews
- Tax cases (TX)

Each party litigant shall receive a notice in the mail upon rescheduling. Litigants are directed to ensure that their mailing addresses are updated and current. Litigants may contact the Circuit Clerk in the county of the pending case with any questions.

Emergency matters may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. Individuals shall contact the Circuit Clerk in the county where the case is to be heard for the purpose of seeking approval from the Court to schedule an emergency matter.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:**

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 review
- Criminal felony matters except probation and payment reviews
- Juvenile temporary custody hearings (shelter care)
- Juvenile detention hearings
- Petitions for Emergency Order of Protection/No Contact Stalking Orders (OP)
- Plenary Order of Protection/No Contact Stalking Orders
- Emergency hearings in family matters (D and F cases) scheduled with approval of the Court
- Any other emergency hearing as scheduled and approved by the Court

It is requested that individuals **should not** enter the courthouse if they:

- Have been in any of the following countries with the last 21 days: China, South Korea, Italy, Japan, Iran, or
- Reside or have close contact with anyone who has been in one of those countries listed above within the last 21 days; or
- 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.

THIS ORDER is effective March 17, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 16h day of March, 2020.

ENTER:



Thomas J. Tedeschi  
Chief Judge

THOMAS J. TEDESCHI

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CHIEF JUDGE