



# News Release

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### UPDATED: COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES

Effective Tuesday, March, 17, 2020, and in light of the Coronavirus Pandemic, and in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, judges and court employees, and after consultation with the offices of the Lake County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Board, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority;

It was ordered that all non-emergency matters in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Lake County, Illinois, are rescheduled and continued for 28 days from the originally scheduled court date unless the 28<sup>th</sup> day falls on a weekend, in which case, it shall be continued until the following business day, unless otherwise determined by the assigned judge. Notices will be generated by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, who will send notice of rescheduled dates upon receipt from the judge. If you do not receive notice of the continued date, you should contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that effective immediately, Administrative Order 20-11 is hereby amended to delete any reference to Bankruptcy cases. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Paragraph 9 of Administrative Order 20-11 shall read as follows:

9) WORKERS’ COMPENSATION CASES: All Workers’ Compensation cases scheduled in 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit court facilities are canceled and will be rescheduled by the Workers’ Compensation Commission.

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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, Local Rule 2-1.06 (B) is hereby temporarily relaxed to allow Civil and Family Division Judges to exercise their discretion to permit use of remote appearances for uncontested or contested matters, other than evidentiary hearings, Orders of Protection or trials, when a self-represented litigant or attorney has a health concern related to their possible transmission of, or exposure to, the Coronavirus. Attorneys or self-represented litigants wishing to request permission for remote appearances (other than appearances normally allowed by the Rule) should contact the Judge’s court clerk by phone or email to request such permission. Rule 2-1.06 remains in full effect in all other respects. This Administrative Order is subject to modification or revocation without prior notice.

Summoned jurors are not expected to automatically report; however, they will be required to call 847-249-5879. Jurors will only be asked to report if there is a need to address a speedy trial issue, until further notice. Summoned jurors who are experiencing any acute respiratory illness symptoms (cough, shortness of breath), headaches, flu-like symptoms, have a fever, are coughing or sneezing, contact the jury office on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 847-377-4600 to defer your service to a later date.

These are precautionary measures only. The health and welfare of all employees and courthouse users is our priority. As more information becomes available or if there are changes to court operations, we will advise.

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