

**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
(Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean and Woodford Counties)**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020 - 13

**EXTENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020 – 06 and 2020-07
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2020 and ADDITIONAL COURTHOUSE
PRECAUTIONS**

WHEREAS, in light of the ongoing public health concerns relating to COVID-19, and due to the extension of the recommendations limiting public gathering to April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois entered *Administrative Order 2020-06* in response to the Coronavirus pandemic which, by virtue of existing Illinois Supreme Court Rules, required certain cases to proceed in court within a specified time period; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, The Illinois Supreme Court entered an Order that, among other things, relaxes, subject to constitutional limitations, court rules in *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency, M.R. 30370*; and

WHEREAS, Chief Judge Mark A. Fellheimer has determined that the *Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court Administrative Order 2020-06 and 2020-07* can be, and shall be, modified to further reduce the cases to be heard in court in an effort to further reduce the number of people coming in all courthouses within the Eleventh Judicial Circuit in furtherance of the goal to protect staff and the public in the midst of this pandemic.

IT IS ORDERED that the provisions of Administrative Order 2020-06, and its supplemental order, limiting the courts in the Eleventh Judicial Circuit to essential operations is hereby extended from **April 10, 2020 to Thursday, April 30, 2020 ending at 5:00 p.m.**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the provisions of Administrative Order 2020-07 regarding reducing the in-person contact for Court Services offices is extended to **Thursday, April 30, 2020**; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED the following precautions are implemented effective the date of this order through **Thursday, April 30, 2020**:

1. **Restrictions upon Entry into all 11th Judicial Circuit Courthouses:**
Subject to the exceptions herein, no member of the general public shall enter a Courthouse in the 11th Judicial Circuit of Illinois (Ford, McLean,

Livingston, Woodford and Logan counties) beginning April 1, 2020 through April 30, 2020, absent specific authorization from the court, the Circuit Clerk or Sheriff; however, State and County employees and elected officials essential to court operations [judges, court administration staff, deputy circuit clerks, law enforcement officers, state's attorney's staff, public defender staff, court security, court reporters and specialists, probation services staff, building and grounds staff, information technology staff (and the like)], attorneys, litigants, witnesses and crime victims may enter the courthouses. Courtrooms remain open to the public and media; however, anyone wishing to enter a courthouse to attend a court proceeding shall make a request at court security and shall only be allowed to enter upon court order by the judge presiding over the case the person seeks to attend. Each county is permitted to make necessary adjustments to fulfill the intent of this order based on their needs and resources available. Further, for those counties that have additional governmental offices located within their courthouse, those elected officials and department heads also have the ability to grant access to persons for business to be conducted that must be done in person within their respective offices.

- 2. Payment Due Dates:** The Circuit Clerks will continue to accept payments for court-ordered assessments, fines, fees, costs, restitution and maintenance (alimony). Nothing in this order shall be construed as extending the due date of maintenance or child support payments. However, the due date for all court-ordered assessments, fines, fees, costs and restitution in Traffic, DUI, criminal felony, criminal misdemeanor, and juvenile delinquency cases are hereby extended for ninety (90) days. Persons owing payments in these criminal, traffic and delinquency matters will not be penalized or face interest or late charges for failing to remit payments on the original due dates. The public is reminded that certain traffic tickets may still be paid by mail and online. For more information, the public should call the Circuit Clerk's for each county as follows:

Ford	217-379-9420	http://fordcounty.illinois.gov/circuit-clerk/
Livingston	815-844-2602	https://www.livingstoncounty-il.org/wordpress/county-services/circuit-clerk/
Logan	217-732-1163	https://www.logancountyil.gov/
McLean	309-888-5301	https://www.mcleancountyil.gov/80/Circuit-Clerk
Woodford	309-467-3312	www.woodford-county.org/154/Clerk-of-the-Circuit-Court

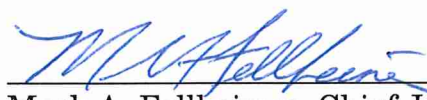
3. (a) **Limiting Entry to Courthouse:** In addition to the above restrictions, no person shall be allowed entrance to any 11th Judicial Circuit Courthouse and their appearances will be waived, and new court dates issued if they:
- Have flu-like symptoms including fever, cough or shortness of breath;
 - Have been directed to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor at home for the COVID-19 by any medical provider;
 - Have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or someone close to you has been diagnosed with COVID-19;
 - Traveled within the last 21 days to any country designated by the CDC as a high risk location for COVID-19; or
 - Had close contact with anyone who has traveled to any of these high risk locations within the last 21 days.
- (b) **Additional Precautions:**
- Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes should exercise caution and discretion in determining whether to enter the courthouse.
 - 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 a court case, but are unable to appear because of the above restrictions, please contact the office of the judge presiding over your case and if said judge's office cannot be reached, please contact the 11th Circuit Court's Trial Court Administrator, William Scanlon.

The Presiding Judges of the respective counties, upon consultation and agreement of the Sheriff of said county, may authorize further measures to be implemented to reduce the number of persons having in-person contact for the judicial system offices within the respective counties.

The Court may issue further Orders regarding this matter as necessary to address the circumstances arising from this pandemic.

This Order shall be published to all Bar Associations within the Circuit, posted in the respective courthouses, on each Circuit Clerk's website and the Illinois Courts website (<http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/>).

Entered this 31st day of March 2020



Mark A. Fellheimer, Chief Judge
Eleventh Judicial Circuit