

**ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT  
(FORD, LIVINGSTON, LOGAN, McLEAN AND WOODFORD COUNTIES)**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020 – 06  
EMERGENCY ORDER – COVID-19 – 3<sup>rd</sup> SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER**

**Effective May 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court of Illinois by way of Chief Judge Mark A. Fellheimer entered pandemic-related *Administrative Orders* in response to the Covid-19 pandemic with the reasons and rationale set forth within those Orders;

**WHEREAS**, The Illinois Supreme Court also entered Covid-19 pandemic-related Orders in *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency, M.R. 30370*;

**WHEREAS**, Governor J.B. Pritzker announced on April 23, 2020 that he is extending, effective May 1, 2020, Illinois's Shelter-in-Place Order through May 30, 2020 necessitating Chief Judge Fellheimer to extend prior Covid-19 pandemic-related Administrative Orders;

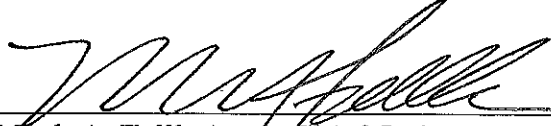
**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

1. All prior pandemic-related Eleventh Circuit Court Administrative Orders are continued in full force and effect until May 31, 2020. All bench and jury trials are continued until after May 31, 2020 and no criminal or civil bench trials shall be conducted within Eleventh Circuit courthouses until after May 31, 2020. Any delay shall be excluded from speedy trial computations pursuant to prior pandemic-related 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Administrative Orders and pandemic-related Illinois Supreme Orders.
2. All traffic cases (TR) are continued until after May 31, 2020 with notice to follow, unless the case is resolved without the defendant motorist having to appear in court or are otherwise handled by way of remote hearing.
3. JA and JD cases shall continue to be conducted as they have been prior to this Supplemental Order pursuant to previously entered Eleventh Circuit Court and Illinois Supreme Court Covid-19 related pandemic Orders, including, but not limited to, the extension of any requisite mandated time requirements and those cases shall be continued, if necessary, by the Judge presiding over said case.
4. All SC and LM cases, other than bench and jury trials as provided for in paragraph #1 above, are continued to a date after May 31, 2020 with notice to be provided, unless the parties and the Court agree to conduct a remote hearing.
5. All other civil and criminal proceedings shall be conducted in the following manner and sequence:

- a) By a remote hearing, if possible and practicable, as determined by the Judge presiding over the case;
  - b) If a Judge determines that said proceedings are not emergencies and not essential and otherwise cannot be conducted remotely, said case is hereby continued to a date after May 31, 2020 with notice to follow.
  - c) If a Judge determines, after consultation with their Presiding Judge for cases in McLean County or to the Resident Circuit Judge for cases outside of McLean County, that a proceeding cannot be conducted remotely and deems the proceeding to be an emergency and essential matter, said proceeding may be conducted within a courthouse provided that everyone involved and the public can maintain proper social distancing and other appropriate protections and precautions;
6. Weddings may be performed in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit on a county by county basis on terms and conditions determined by the individual Resident Circuit Judges of Ford, Livingston, Woodford and Logan Counties and by the Chief Judge for McLean County to allow proper social distancing and other protections and precautions for weddings to take place with no more than the couple getting married and two witnesses/guests.
  7. Any individual who does not work in the 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Law and Justice Centers/Courthouses and who is over age two and able to medically tolerate a face-covering (a mask or cloth face-covering) shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a face-covering when in the courthouse as face-coverings are required in public indoor spaces such as stores. Face coverings shall not have words or symbols on them that are not courtroom appropriate. In the event the proceeding or matter for which the person seeks entry into the building is for an emergency matter, then efforts shall be made to secure a face-covering for the individual or otherwise make arrangements to handle the matter without the person having to come in the building.
  8. Each county of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit is hereby authorized to make any necessary policy/procedure changes and adjustments they deem appropriate in order to effectuate and implement the spirit, intent and terms of this Order based on their respective needs and available resources to include, but not be limited to, continuing cases of all types.
  9. This Order is subject to future modifications and extensions as may be warranted.

This Order is effective from May 1, 2020-May 31, 2020.

Entered this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

  
Mark A. Fellheimer, Chief Judge  
Eleventh Judicial Circuit