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The 11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, comprised of Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean and Woodford counties, is planning to resume some in-person court operations in June, 2020 depending on the ever-changing Covid-19 pandemic. The Courts continue to closely monitor the Covid-19 pandemic and continue to receive input from public health officials and the Illinois Supreme Court.

While the Courts have remained open during the pandemic and are conducting limited in-person hearings for emergency and essential matters, many other matters continue to be held remotely or have been continued. Chief Judge Mark A. Fellheimer said:

“The court system cannot be turned on and off like a light switch and has to plan well in advance in order to start ramping up regular court operations. We are prepared to make last minute decisions relating to court operations as the circumstances dictate and are planning for multiple contingencies for the month of June, 2020 and beyond. The 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit will be ramping up court operations on a gradual basis starting in June, 2020 with some dockets continuing to hold remote hearings in an effort to reduce foot traffic in the courthouses. Each county within the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit presents unique challenges and the Resident Circuit Judges of each county may be advising the public on protocols and procedures as it relates to their individual county as the Courts look to move forward.”

Persons with pending cases should check the Illinois Supreme Court’s Covid-19 link for 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit pandemic-related Orders, with the Circuit Clerk’s website of the county where their case is pending and/or check with their attorney if they are represented by one for a status on their case. They should also keep their mailing address up to date with the Circuit Clerk’s Office to ensure they receive notice of any rescheduled court date. Courthouse precautions include, but are not limited to, requiring all persons entering courthouses to wear a face-covering, maintaining social distancing and regular sanitizing of the building. The 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court thanks the public for their patience during this time. For questions relative to this information, please call (309) 434-6650.