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NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 20-29

NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CIRCUIT COURT OF LAKE COUNTY

AMENDED COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES

WHEREAS, this court previously ordered that all matters scheduled through May 15, 2020 were continued and rescheduled to a date determined by the judge assigned to the case; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court granted Chief Judges of each circuit the authority to further extend the timeframe for trial continuances; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pritzker entered a modified executive order extending his previous Stay at Home Order to May 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's modified executive order contains the following provisions:
FACE COVERINGS: Beginning on May 1, individuals will be required to wear a face-covering or a mask when in a public place where they can't maintain a six-foot social distance. Face-coverings will be required in public indoor spaces, such as stores. This new requirement applies to all individuals over the age of two who are able to medically tolerate a face-covering or a mask.

WHEREAS, as Chief Judge of the 19th Judicial Circuit, the Court finds that an extension of the Court's Administrative Orders 20-20 through 20-28 are necessary to protect the general public, court staff, judges and other judicial partners from the risks associated with the COVID-19 emergency; and

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, all matters in the 19th Judicial Circuit, scheduled through May 29, 2020, shall be continued and rescheduled to a date after May 29, 2020. Notices will be generated by the Clerk of the Circuit Court, who will send notice of rescheduled dates upon receipt from the judge as approved by the presiding judge. If you do not receive notice of the continued date, contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, except as provided below, Administrative Order 20-23 remains in effect and is extended through May 29, 2020. See Division Administrative Orders for additional procedures.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, GRAND JURORS whose terms expire on or before May 27, 2020 shall be extended until June 10, 2020. The grand jury will be called at the discretion of the Presiding Judge or his designee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, BRANCH COURTS (MUNDELEIN, PARK CITY AND ROUND LAKE BEACH) will remain closed until July 6, 2020. All Clerk of the Circuit Clerk activities will be conducted at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the main Lake County Courthouse in Waukegan and at the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Depke Center in Vernon Hills.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, all traffic and misdemeanor cases are continued until after July 6, 2020; the circuit clerk shall send notice to the defendant of rescheduled dates. If you do not receive notice of the continued date, contact the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, the following status matters are continued until after November 9, 2020: traffic school, community service, vehicle registration, safety certificate, public service, payment, prosecution, reinstated driver's license, and valid insurance. A defendant may motion their case to an earlier date if they have fulfilled the status conditions and provided written proof of compliance with their motion.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, for Rule 218 case management conferences/progress calls and briefing schedule deadlines in the Civil and Family Divisions that were initially scheduled during the period of court closure (March 17 – May 29) are cancelled. Agreed proposed 218 orders and amended briefing schedules should be submitted to the court by email prior to June 1, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, all arbitration hearings scheduled through May 29, 2020 are hereby cancelled and will be rescheduled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, all Summonses with return dates through May 29, 2020 are rescheduled and continued for an additional 35 days and shall be returnable upon notice of the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, the 35-day extensions set forth in Administrative Order 20-20, Temporary Procedures for Mortgage Foreclosure Program, are extended for an additional 35 days.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, the guardian ad litem in-person interview requirements pursuant to 705 ILCS 405/2-17(8) are waived through May 29, 2020. The interviews may be conducted by telephone, video, or other electronic means.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2020.

ENTERED:



DIANE E. WINTER,
Chief Judge