

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-05
Effective April 3, 2020 through April 30, 2020

Due to the global coronavirus pandemic, the Champaign County Circuit Court will restrict operations to essential court functions to minimize personal contact and deter the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus. The court will ensure access to justice by performing essential court functions and will take necessary precautionary measures consistent with public safety and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and state and local public health authorities.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

The Champaign County Courthouse is CLOSED for regular business through April 30, 2020, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

Only the following mandatory hearings/court proceedings will be held for the duration of this order:

- Bond hearings and arraignments for individuals who are arrested and/or in custody
- Summary suspension hearings
- Emergency petitions for protective orders (including, but not limited to, orders of protection, stalking no-contact, civil no-contact, and firearm surrender orders)
- Detention and review of detention hearings for juveniles who are detained
- Shelter care and other essential hearings for juveniles who may have been abused or neglected
- Mental health hearings for involuntary commitment or treatment
- Pleas for in-custody defendants that involve a release of custody.

Any case not explicitly covered by this order is hereby continued. The court will not require motions to continue for any cases set between now and April 30, 2020. New dates will be set after regular operations resume or by individual judges as feasible. A notice of hearing will be mailed to the litigants/attorneys of record at their last known mailing address by the Champaign County Circuit Clerk's office once a new date is set. Litigants should ensure that their mailing addresses are current with that office.

Requests for emergency hearings in only the categories listed above shall be emailed directly to the Presiding Judge of Champaign County and to the judge assigned to the case.

Jury trials will resume after the courthouse has reopened. Only criminal trials for defendants in custody will be held at that time. The jury commission meeting scheduled for April 15, 2020, is cancelled. Jurors scheduled to report for jury duty in April will receive instructions regarding deferral of their service.

All pretrial hearings are canceled until the court reopens. These cases will be continued by the court to the next pretrial date after normal operations resume.

To minimize the number of people entering the courthouse, detention hearings will continue to be held via video feed between the courthouse and the detention facility.

The legal self-help center is closed until further notice.

Anyone seeking an emergency protective order as listed above may enter the courthouse to file paperwork and attend the hearing, provided the necessary health precautions are taken while in the building.

Modifications to the above procedures may become necessary on short notice.

Dated this third day of April 2020 and effective until April 30, 2020, unless extended by further order of the court.

ENTER: 4/3, 2020.



Circuit Judge