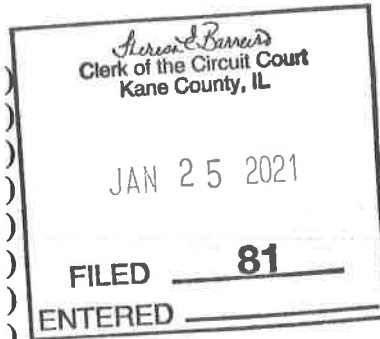


IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 21-02
Effective January 25, 2021

IN THE MATTER OF
AMENDING GENERAL ORDER 20-07,
GENERAL ORDER 20-14,
GENERAL ORDER 20-18,
GENERAL ORDER 20-22,
GENERAL ORDER 20-29
GENERAL ORDER 20-30 and
GENERAL ORDER 21-01
COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES
IMPACTING COURT OPERATIONS



WHEREAS, in light of the Coronavirus, and in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, Circuit Court Judges and Circuit Court employees, and after consultation with the offices of the Kane County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, County Board, and representatives of the private bar, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court has, pursuant to the Illinois Supreme Court’s order of March 17, 2020, reduced its operation to essential activities; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court’s order of May 20, 2020, allows circuits to adopt their own plans for resumption of court activity; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that General Order 20-07, effective March 17, 2020, amended and superseded by General Order 20-14, effective April 6, 2020, amended and superseded by General Order 20-18, effective April 22, 2020, amended and superseded by General Order 20-22, effective June 1, 2020, amended and superseded by General Order 20-29 effective November 30, 2020, amended and superseded by General Order 20-30, effective November 30, 2020, amended and superseded by General Order 21-01, effective January 15, 2021, and is amended and superseded by this General Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, that effective January 25, 2021, the following procedures are in effect in the 16th Judicial Circuit:


CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS: All Criminal jury trials set between January 28, 2021 and March 3, 2021 are hereby canceled. Criminal jury trials will begin on Thursday, March 4, 2021, subject to limitations on the number that can be accommodated. This order incorporates the language contained in the Illinois Supreme Court order M.R. 30370 signed May 20, 2020. “The Chief Judges of each circuit may continue trials until further order of this Court. The continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and defendants in a speedy trial. Therefore, such continuances shall be excluded from speedy trial computations contained in section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS

5/103-5 [West 2018]) and section 5-601 of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/5-601 [West 2018]). Statutory time restrictions in section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and section 5-601 of the Juvenile Court Act shall be tolled until further order of the Court. This provision also applies when a trial is delayed when the court determines proper distancing and facilities limitations prevent the trial from proceeding safely. The judge in the case must find that such limitations necessitated the delay and shall make a record thereof.”

The Court may issue further Orders, as necessary, to address the changing circumstances surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic.

Entered this 25th day of January 2021, and effective January 25, 2021.


Clint Hull, Chief Judge

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Attest: 1/25 2021
Theresa E. Barreiro
Circuit Court Clerk, Kane County, Illinois
By: 
Deputy Clerk