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## **16<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ANNOUNCES PLAN, PROTOCOL TO RE-OPEN COURTS**

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ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP – Kane County courts are scheduled to reopen to the public on Monday, June 1, on a limited basis with public health and safety practices in place.

These practices are being implemented as the courts continue to address challenges presented by the novel coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. The 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit’s goal is to protect the public and allow access to justice.

“As we prepare to reopen the courts, we must acknowledge that this pandemic still poses a threat,” said Clint Hull, Chief Judge of the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit. “Therefore we must remain vigilant and take significant precautions to ensure that our community stays safe. We have worked tirelessly to plan for a safe re-opening of the courts. For it to work, however, it will require cooperation and understanding by everyone. My thanks to all who helped with this process, and to the public for its patience.

“Please note that this is a fluid situation. We will keep you updated with additional information,” Judge Hull said.

To learn the next date of your case, please visit the Kane County Circuit Clerk’s Website at [www.cic.countyofkane.org](http://www.cic.countyofkane.org), or call the office at (630) 232-3413. **Please have your case number available.** You also may visit the “Court Notification” link on the circuit clerk’s Website and, using your case number, sign up to receive text or email notifications of upcoming court dates.

**All trials remain suspended** until after Aug. 3, 2020. If you had a case set for trial, the Circuit Clerk will notify you of your rescheduled trial date.

**All Kane County courtrooms are scheduled to reopen June 1, 2020.** Please be aware of these new procedures:

- **Everyone** who enters a court building is **required to wear a mask**. Please bring your own mask as the supply of available masks is very limited. If you have a medical condition ...
- **Bring only items needed for court, and only persons who are required** to be present for your case. Anyone not required to be in court should wait outside or in their car.
- **Each person** entering a court building will have their **temperature taken** with a digital, no-contact thermometer and be **asked these health questions**:
  - *Have you had contact with anyone who you are aware was symptomatic or COVID positive for more than 10 minutes and within less than 6 feet in the last 14 days?*
  - *Are you COVID positive or symptomatic yourself?*
- **If your answer to either question is ‘yes,’** please call the Circuit Clerk’s Office at (630) 232-3413; **do not** come to the courthouse.
- **Childcare will not be available** at any location until further order of the court.
- **Social distancing measures** will be in place in each courthouse, with seats and pathways marked. Everyone is expected to follow these measures.

- To allow for proper social distancing, **the number of people in court will be restricted** by reduced court calls and staggered court-calls times, as well as remote appearances and hearings. **You may be asked to wait outside or in your car once the courthouse reaches its maximum capacity.**
- You should contact your attorney to learn **if you are required to appear** on your next court date. Generally, defendants will not be required to appear at every court date until further order of the court.
- **If you are representing yourself** in court, you may contact the Circuit Clerk's Office at (630) 232-3413, or visit the clerk's website at [www.cic.co.kane.il.us](http://www.cic.co.kane.il.us).
- **For cases filed since the original March 16 court closure order**, if you have not been to court or had a status date in June, you should receive a notice from the Circuit Clerk with a future date. If you have not received such notice, contact the Circuit Clerk.

For more detailed information about new practices and procedures, as well as what to expect when the courts reopen, please visit the 16<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit's Website at <http://illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org/>. You also can look for information on our new Facebook page: **16<sup>th</sup> Circuit Courts Coronavirus Information.**