



*For Immediate Release*

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## **Kane County Court Extends Scaled Back Operations**

Clint Hull, Chief Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in Kane County, has ordered that most criminal and civil cases be continued to after May 4, 2020. This decision is to protect the health and safety of the general public and courthouse employees and made after consultation with the Presiding Judges and offices of the County Board, State's Attorney, Public Defender, Court Services, Circuit Clerk, and representatives of the private bar.

The Kane County Judicial Center (37W777 Route 38, St. Charles), and Kane County Juvenile Justice Center (37W655 Route 38, St. Charles) remain open to hear those cases deemed essential and any emergency motions. Essential cases include but are not limited to in-custody criminal cases, order of protection hearings, juvenile delinquency, juvenile abuse and neglect, mental health hearings and emergency matters.

The Aurora Branch Court (1200 East Indian Trial Road, Aurora), Elgin Branch Court (150 Dexter Court, Elgin), and Kane County Branch Court (530 S. Randall Road, St. Charles) will remain closed through Friday, May 1, and re-open Monday, May 4, 2020. All bond call matters will continue to be heard at the Kane County Judicial Center until May 4, 2020, by video if at all possible.

All Judges and judicial employees are encouraged to work remotely and conduct business telephonically or via videoconference until Monday, May 4, 2020.

“We appreciate the cooperation we have received from everyone involved in the court system. We are doing our best to balance the needs of protecting the public and our courthouse staff with keeping the courthouse open to hear those cases that must be heard. We are focused on cases that involve individuals who are in-custody and those matters that are required for the protection of individuals and the public.”

Additional safety measures include limiting the number of people allowed into a courtroom to no more than ten people and that all individuals including the staff and public must remain separated by no less than six feet.

The Circuit Clerk's Office will be mailing new court dates to the last known mailing address. Questions about future court dates should be directed to the Kane County Circuit Court Clerk at (630) 232-3413 or [circuitclerk@co.kane.il.us](mailto:circuitclerk@co.kane.il.us). Next court dates will also be available through the public portal on the Kane County Circuit Clerk's website at [www.cic.co.kane.il.us](http://www.cic.co.kane.il.us). Users should have case numbers or party names available. **New court dates will not be immediately available. Please wait 7-10 days after your regularly scheduled court date before calling about your new court date.**

Additional information can be found at the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit website at [www.illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org](http://www.illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org).

A copy of the General Order is attached.

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