

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
SALINE COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF CASES ASSIGNED TO)
JUDGE TODD D. LAMBERT AFFECTED)
BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
SALINE COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER L2020-2

WHEREAS, in light of the global COVID-19 pandemic, and in order to protect the general health and well-being of the general public, there has been declared both a state of emergency in Illinois and a national emergency in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the above declarations direct that persons take certain precautions in response to the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, precautions include avoidance of large gatherings of persons and restrictions on group activities in order to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus to others;

WHEREAS, despite these precautions and best practices, the spread of COVID-19 has continued. Saline County and other area counties have experienced increased COVID-19 infections, exposures, and quarantines. Local government offices, schools, jails and local businesses have all taken steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Despite such efforts, area hospitals are becoming overwhelmed and approaching maximum capacity;

WHEREAS, the Court considers Illinois Supreme Court Administrative Order M.R. 30370 entered May 20, 2020, First Judicial Circuit Administrative Order 2020-5-1 entered May 21, 2020, and Executive Orders entered by Illinois Governor Pritzker in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Court considers the interests of the health and safety of all Court users during these extraordinary circumstances, including, but not limited to, Plaintiffs, Defendants, potential jurors, witnesses, staff and judicial officers;

WHEREAS, in-person court appearances can contribute to the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Illinois Supreme Court has authorized and encouraged the use of remote court hearings, including the use of video court in the appropriate circumstance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that all cases set on the undersigned's docket, irrespective of the county in which the case is venued, shall be held via video court on the Zoom remote platform unless good cause is shown why any individual case cannot or should not be held via such platform.

This Court's Zoom video link may be easily accessed on the First Judicial Circuit's web site (<http://www.firstcircuitil.org/>) and by then clicking on "First Circuit Links To Video Court" and navigating to the undersigned's Zoom link. These Zoom hearings may also be accessed with the following information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7442461842?pwd=WmRMb0xHMDFMT0JUUmFzRoZHRNQT09>

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All Jury trials (Criminal and Civil) are continued until further Order of this Court. The continuance occasioned by this Order serves the ends of justice and outweighs the interests of the public and Defendant in a speedy trial. Therefore, such continuance 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) and Section 5-601 of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/5-601). Statutory time restrictions in Section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 shall be tolled until further Order of this Court.

Emergency matters may be scheduled on a case-by-case basis. Individuals shall contact the Court's judicial secretary for the purpose of seeking approval to schedule an emergency matter.

When in-person hearings are held, the court may limit the number of persons allowed in the courtroom and courthouse during the hearing.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

Individuals with official business, attorneys, parties, or necessary witnesses may not enter a courtroom if they:

- Have been diagnosed with, or have tested positive for COVID-19 in the previous 14 days;
- Have had contact with anyone who has been diagnosed with, or tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- Are sick or have flu-like symptoms including, body aches, lost sense of smell and/or taste, fever, cough or shortness of breath or other symptoms associated with COVID-19;
- Have been directed to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor at home for the coronavirus by any medical provider or health department

Any attorney or litigant who is unable to appear because of the above restrictions should contact the Circuit Clerk.

THIS ORDER is effective December 7, 2020.

This order shall remain in effect until vacated by the undersigned, the Presiding Judge of any county affected by this Administrative Order or the Chief Judge, First Judicial Circuit.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: December 3, 2020

ENTERED:



TODD D. LAMBERT