

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

IN THE MATTER OF COURT OPERATIONS)
IN THE FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT PURSUANT)
TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Based on applicable information from public health authorities, the rise of the positivity rate for COVID-19 in Jackson County, increasing COVID-19 case numbers in both the State of Illinois and in Jackson County, and the growing need to limit gatherings to preserve healthcare resources, the Presiding Judge of Jackson County orders as follows:

1. All civil, criminal, and traffic matters, including hearings and status conferences, are to be held remotely.
2. All family matters are to be conducted remotely until further notice. Any matter that is currently scheduled for an in-person appearance will now be conducted remotely. If parties are unable to appear or participate remotely they should contact the Circuit Clerk to file an appropriate Motion.
3. All arbitration, mediation, foreclosure, and probate matters are to be held remotely.
4. All forcible entry and detainer actions are continued generally until further order of the court.
5. No wedding or civil union ceremonies will be conducted within the courthouse for at least sixty (60) days.
6. All juvenile matters, EXCEPT for Shelter Care and Detention hearings, are to be held remotely.
7. All Plenary Orders of Protection, Emergency Orders of Protection, and Plenary and Emergency Civil Stalking No Contact Orders are hereby extended for sixty (60) days. A party may seek emergency relief from such Orders only upon filing a motion with the assigned judge. Such hearings will be heard by the assigned judge at his or her discretion and conducted remotely on Zoom.

THIS ORDER is effective November 20, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 11/20/20

ENTERED: 
CHRISTY W. SOLVERSON
Presiding Judge

