



*For Immediate Release*

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## **Kane County Court Operations Scaled Back Due to Coronavirus**

Clint Hull, Chief Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit in Kane County, has ordered that most criminal and civil cases be continued to dates after April 17, 2020. This decision was made in order 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 Courthouse (100 South Third Street, Geneva), Kane County Judicial Center (37W777 Route 38, St. Charles), and Kane County Juvenile Justice Center (37W655 Route 38, St. Charles) will 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, and emergency matters.

The Aurora Branch Court (1200 East Indian Trail Road, Aurora), Elgin Branch Court (150 Dexter Court, Elgin), and Kane County Branch Court (530 S. Randall Road, St. Charles) will be closed through Friday, April 17, and re-open Monday, April 20, 2020. All bond call matters that were previously heard at the Aurora and Elgin Branch Courts will be heard at the Kane County Judicial Center until April 20, 2020.

“We will continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis,” Chief Judge Clint Hull said. “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 those cases that involve individuals who are in-custody and those matters that are required for the

protection of individuals and the public. I want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience. This is an unprecedented situation and we may need to make more changes in the days ahead.”

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 [illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org](http://illinois16thjudicialcircuit.org).

A copy of the General Order is attached.

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