

22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Temporary Order – Covid-19

This administrative order is entered pursuant to the authority granted to Chief Judges of each circuit in the State of Illinois by the Illinois Supreme Court in its Order M.R. 30370:

In re:

Illinois Courts Response to

COVID-19 Emergency/

Impact on Trials

Whereas, this court previously ordered that all cases scheduled for trial through May 1, 2020 shall be continued to a date certain by the judge assigned to the case; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court granted Chief Judges of each circuit the authority to further extend the timeframe for trial continuances; and

Whereas, as Chief Judge of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, the Court finds that an extension of the Court's Administrative Order No. 2020-07 is necessary to protect the general public, court staff, judges and other judicial partners from the risks associated with the COVID-19 emergency; and

Therefore, It Is Hereby Ordered that all cases scheduled for trial through **May 15, 2020** in the 22nd Circuit, McHenry County, Illinois shall be continued to a date certain by the judge assigned to said case. Cases in the civil and family divisions shall utilize remote access procedures as allowed by the judge assigned to the case to obtain a new status or trial date.

It Is Further Ordered in the case of criminal proceedings, any delay resulting from this emergency continuance order shall not be attributable to either the State or the defendant for purposes of section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018)). **It Is Further Ordered**, pursuant to the authority granted to Chief Judges in Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370, trial continuances may be further extended as stated in Order M.R. 30370.

Dated: 4-6-2020



James S. Cowlin
Chief Judge, 22nd Judicial Circuit
McHenry County, Illinois