

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-M-15
Madison and Bond Counties

Resumption of Court Operations by the Third Judicial Circuit

This Order applies to the Courts within the Third Judicial Circuit. The Resident Circuit Judge of Bond County is authorized to issue local orders, rules or protocols, consistent herewith, and for the limited purpose of implementing the provisions of this order in that County.

WHEREAS, for those reasons mentioned in prior Third Circuit Administrative Orders entered in March, April and May of 2020, and reference therein to various Orders of the Illinois Supreme Court (M.R. 30370), all dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, and after consultation with and input from the presiding judges in each judicial division and various local justice and governmental partners, including but not limited to, the Madison County Health Department, State's Attorney, Public Defender, County Administration, Sheriff's Department, Jury Commissioner, the Circuit Clerk's office, and Probation and Court Services, and;

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to update prior Administrative Orders, taking access to justice and public safety into account and upon considering guidance received from, but not limited to, the Illinois Supreme Court's May 20, 2020 Order M.R. 30370, *In re: Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency*, effective June 1, 2020;

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, as Chief Judge of the Third Judicial Circuit, hereby Orders as follows:

CRIMINAL FELONY MATTERS

Consistent with the administrative orders previously entered, together with the Divisional Orders of the Madison County Circuit Court and the Illinois Supreme Court, and subject to future Administrative Orders, the previously entered Order Regarding Criminal Felony Matters is amended as follows and shall apply to all criminal felony matters effective June 1, 2020, or until further Order:

In view of the state of emergency that has been declared by the Governor of the State of Illinois in order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, and in the interest of the health and safety of all court users, staff, and judicial officers during these extraordinary circumstances, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Criminal Felony Jury Trials presently set to begin prior to August 1, 2020 are hereby CONTINUED.

The continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and defendants in a speedy trial and proper distancing and facilities limitations prevent such trials from proceeding safely.

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is to notify all parties of record by posting on its website and emailing attorneys and by other appropriate means. This order shall be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Madison County, Illinois and that said order be made available to the members of the bar and public.

ENTER: June 4, 2020



William A. Mudge, Chief Judge