

16th Judicial Circuit County of Kane

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Rene´ Cruz, Judge
In Chambers

March 16, 2020

Re: Temporary Family Division Court Calls and Procedures (CR001, CR111, CR113, CR201, CR211)

In the interest of addressing the current concerns relating to the Covid-19 virus and the State and National recommendations relative to social distancing, pursuant to General Order 20-07 and effective March 17, 2020 there will be an effort to limit all non-essential traffic into the Kane County Judicial Center. The Family Division, in the interest of trying to manage all pending matters, provides the following direction for accommodations to the legal community keeping in mind that the courthouse will at all times remain open for **EMERGENCY** proceedings:

1. All EMERGENCY family court matters currently scheduled between March 17th – April 17th, will be heard in CR101. There will be a schedule posted indicating which Family Division Judge will be on-call and presiding each day in CR101 for EMERGENCY matters. The on-call judge will be the only Judge present at the KCJC on his/her assigned days.
2. All non-EMERGENCY matters will receive a new date from the Circuit Court Clerk's Office by mail within 7 to 10 business days for a date after April 17, 2020 setting said matters for further status or setting. Cases currently scheduled for status, pretrial, proveup, hearings and trials fit into the category of non-EMERGENCY matters.
3. EMERGENCY matters are defined as:
 - a. Previously scheduled return dates for Temporary Restraining Orders and Orders of Protection;
 - b. Emergency matters as defined by Kane County Local Rule 15.06;
4. Parties may email Agreed Orders to the Family Division Judges at FamilyDivision@16thCircuit.IllinoisCourts.gov for entry by the assigned Judge. The Judge may modify the Agreed Order at his/her discretion. Judges may also conduct phone or video conferences at the individual Judge's discretion, time permitting, on their respective on call days.
5. In the interest of the social distancing recommendations, Courtroom 101 will be the only open Courtroom on the 1st floor of the Judicial Center. Attorneys and litigants may be asked to wait in the hallway after checking in to avoid issues of overcrowding at the direction of the Bailiff, Courtroom Clerk and/or Court Security.

This is an unfamiliar and fluid process and it should be noted that additional restrictions and/or accommodations may be necessary in the future. It is our hope that these measures will provide a safe environment as well as the ability to accommodate where possible.

Please refer any questions to the above email address.