



the respective Judge. In-person appearances by attorneys and litigants (DUI CR203/DV CR209) are to occur by special setting only until further notice.

5. **All appearances by attorneys and litigants** at the Aurora Branch Court (**ABC**), Kane Branch Court (**KBC**) and Elgin Branch Court (**EBC**) shall be in person (abiding by all social distancing guidelines) OR remote (Zoom), **with a preference for remote attendance**.
6. Trials and evidentiary motions may be heard remotely or in person at the discretion of the Defendant and scheduled by the respective Judge. If an evidentiary matter is to proceed remotely, the Defendant must complete a Waiver of In-Court Proceedings or be present when the matter is scheduled so there may be a waiver of the Defendant's presence on the record. At the discretion of the Presiding Judge, such trials may take place in person as currently set. The number of such trials and how they will be conducted (e.g. witnesses appearing via Zoom) shall be determined by each **MISDEMEANOR & TRAFFIC** trial judge according the health and safety concerns for each particular courtroom location; Defense counsel shall communicate with the respective Assistant State's Attorney as to the remote or in person nature of the Defendant and scheduled witnesses.
7. Judges will be available to hear emergency matters as required. Emergency matters must be approved for scheduling by the Presiding Judge after consultation with the trial judge. All parties may submit their request to schedule an emergency matter to the Circuit Clerk's Office at [CICCRiminalRemoteOrders@co.kane.il.us](mailto:CICCRiminalRemoteOrders@co.kane.il.us), and must set forth the emergency in detail. The assigned judge will respond after consulting with the presiding judge.
8. Upon determination that safety restrictions are relaxed, the above protocol may be modified.
9. To the extent that they do not conflict with this Supplemental Order, the terms of all prior Criminal Jury Trial Administrative Orders and Misdemeanor/Traffic Division Orders, remain in full force and effect.

Entered this 17th day of March, 2021



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Honorable René Cruz

Presiding Judge, Misdemeanor & Traffic  
Division