



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 the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit will shift from in-person appearances to remote appearances beginning Monday, January 10, 2022 and lasting through Friday, February 4, 2022. (General Order 22-01)

Chief Judge Hull said, “It has been our goal throughout the pandemic to keep our public as safe as possible while still providing the means to seek justice in our court system. The decision to shift to remote appearances is in response to the increasing positivity rates throughout Kane County and the State of Illinois” and “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 hearing only orders of protection, jury trials, or by order of the court.

All other scheduled cases will be heard remotely. According to Chief Judge Hull, “The Sixteenth Circuit has the equipment, experience, and technology to allow us to keep the courts operating through the use of remote hearing via the Zoom platform. Unlike at the start of COVID, litigants, attorneys, judges have become familiar with the use of Zoom, and, as a result, our courts can keep cases moving through the system while not requiring in-person appearances.”

Court-goers will need to download the free Zoom app to their mobile device, go to <https://www.KaneCourt.org> in any internet browser, click on Join Zoom Court, find their courtroom number, and click on Join Hearing to attend remote court.

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 for in-person appearances starting January 10, 2022, through Friday, February 4, 2022. During this time, ALL branch court cases will be heard via Zoom. The branch courts will re-open to in-person appearances on Monday, February 7, 2022.

“We will continue to monitor the situation daily,” 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 the court staff while keeping the courthouses open to hearing those cases that must be heard. We are focused on those cases that involve individuals who are in-custody and those matters required for the protection of individuals and the public. I want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience.”

Chief Judge Hull noted that if court-users have questions about remote court access or other court procedures, they may call or visit the Kane County Law Library & Self Help Legal Center at 630.406.7126, or use the chat/email feature on the Law Library’s website at <https://www.KCLawLibrary.org>. Additional information can be found at the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit website at <https://www.Illinois16thJudicialCircuit.org> or by following the Sixteenth Circuit Court’s Facebook page @16thCircuitCoronavirusInfo.

A copy of General Order 22-01 is attached.

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