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Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Courts to Resume

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Courts (which consists of LaSalle, Bureau and Grundy Counties) will resume operations (whether in person or remotely) beginning on June 1, 2020 subject to the mandatory and recommended provisions of Illinois Supreme Court Order M.R. 30370 entered on May 20, 2020, and the Supreme Court Guidelines for Resuming Illinois Judicial Branch Operations during the COVID-19 pandemic and subject to the individual judge's management discretion within the parameters of the order and guidelines in individual cases and calls. The Circuit Courts shall continue, to the extent possible, to allow for appropriate social distancing and attempt to reduce the number of persons appearing personally for court appearances.

Jury trials will resume and jurors have been summoned. Please complete and return your questionnaire as indicated on the summons. If you have questions about your jury service, please call the jury contact number listed on your summons for more information.

Protocols for the safety of court staff and the public have been established including marking the seating in the courts to limit the number of people, the availability of hand sanitizer, germ shields have been installed in some courtrooms, and courtrooms are regularly cleaned with a sanitizing agent. Plans to manage court proceedings include staggering court calls, reducing the number of cases to be heard, conducting remote hearings and waiving appearances of litigants.

Court participants should be advised:

1. Any person who is experiencing fever, chills, other symptoms, or has been exposed to COVID-19 or lives with a family member who has symptoms of COVID-19 should notify their attorney or if there is no attorney representation, should notify the Circuit Clerk of the Court of their inability to appear.

2. Before coming to court, check your court date & time, as many court dates and times have changed. If you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney to see if your appearance in court is required.
3. Arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to your scheduled court time and leave the building promptly when finished.
4. Only people necessary to the proceeding should come to court. Leave family and friends at home.
5. Entry to the Courts is controlled by Court Security. Bring only necessary items for court to speed entry through building security. Cell phones of any type are prohibited in the criminal courthouses.
6. Wearing masks or face coverings and practicing social distancing is required in the courthouses. Please bring your own mask or face covering.
7. Upon arrival at the courts, temperatures will be taken before entry is allowed.