



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
CIRCUIT COURT  
22ND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS



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**For Immediate Release**

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Continues to Operate Under Emergency Procedures**

(Woodstock, IL) The Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center and the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit remains open, however, the Court continues to only hear emergency matters. If you have a previously scheduled court date, please contact your attorney, or go to the Circuit Clerk of the Court's website at <https://caseinfo.mchenrycountyil.gov> in order to see if your case has been rescheduled.

The court continues to hold hearings on the following matters:

- Emergency Petitions for Orders of Protection, Stalking, No Contact and subsequent hearings;
- Emergency Petitions for Civil No Contact, and Petitions for Firearm Surrender Order and subsequent hearings;
- Detention hearings for juveniles who are detained;
- Shelter care hearings for juveniles who may have been abused or neglected;
- Summary Suspension Hearings;
- Criminal matters related to the setting and modification of bond;
- Criminal trials with speedy trial demands; and
- Mental health hearings for involuntary commitment or treatment.

Please do not attempt to enter the Judicial Center if you have:

- Flu-like symptoms including fever, cough or shortness of breath;
- Been diagnosed with COVID 19 (or someone close to you has);
- Been directed to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor at home by any medical provider;
- Traveled, within the last 21 days, to any country designated by the CDC as a high-risk locations for COVID-19; or
- Had close contact with anyone who has traveled to any of these high risk locations.

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The court continues to communicate with its justice partners, County Administration, and Emergency Management in order to evaluate this ever changing situation. The Court has had a Pandemic Continuity of Operations Plan for a number of years and has planned for this type of emergency situation. Communications from the Court will be sent from the Office of the Trial Court Administrator via press releases, the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit Facebook Page, Twitter ([@22ndJudCircuit](#)), website at <http://22ndCircuitIllinois.org> and other social media platforms.

We ask for your cooperation and patience as we work to minimize the risk to those utilizing the services of the Court, while we continue to perform our essential and mandated functions.

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