

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
McHENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

IN RE THE MATTER OF)	
PROCEDURES IN THE JUVENILE)	
DIVISION PURSUANT TO THE)	
CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS)	<u>Juvenile Division</u>
COVID-19 PROTOCOLS.)	<u>Standing Order 2020-03</u>
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IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that due to the Governor’s stay-at-home orders in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and while the court is continuing to operate under the Circuit’s Pandemic Continuity of Operations Plan and hearing only essential matters in accordance with the Illinois Supreme Court Order filed under M.R. 30370 on March 17, 2020, the Juvenile Division hereby implements the following procedures related to juvenile delinquency and juvenile abuse, neglect and dependency cases until further order of Court.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY COURT

- ¶ 1. Whenever the minor-respondent is being held in detention, the matter shall proceed pursuant to statute as scheduled and all necessary parties and attorneys must appear for that purpose.
- ¶ 2. For all other matters where the minor-respondent has been arraigned and admonished (e.g., pre-adjudication, adjudication, review/status, disposition, sentencing, petitions to revoke and contempt) and which are scheduled between May 1, 2020 and May 29, 2020, those cases will be continued for approximately 45 days, the exact dates and times of which will be set by further notice. However, the court may, on a case-by-case basis, determine whether emergency or exigent circumstances exist that justify an expedited hearing.
- ¶ 3. Attorneys of record, the State’s Attorney’s Office, and the Juvenile Division of McHenry County Court Services may electronically file motions at any time

with notice, but those motions shall not be presented for hearing until further order of court, unless the court first determines that emergency or exigent circumstances exist. In doing so, the court may hear from the moving party, attorneys of record, any party and/or other individual necessary to the proceeding.

- ¶ 4. Except as otherwise required by the court, the respondent-minor and respondent-parents/guardians should not personally appear in court.

JUVENILE ABUSE, NEGLECT AND DEPENDENCY

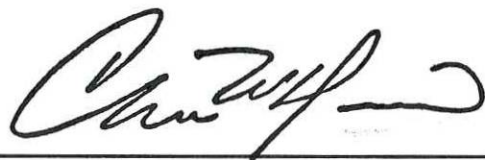
- ¶ 1. All juvenile abuse, neglect and dependency proceedings scheduled between May 1, 2020 and May 29, 2020 will continued for approximately 45 days, except in the case of shelter-care hearings, renewal hearings, or any matter which the court first determines that emergency or exigent circumstances exist.
- ¶ 2. Respondent-parents and their attorneys or record, Regional Counsel for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, and Guardians ad litem may electronically file motions at any time with notice, but those motions shall not be presented for hearing until further order of court, unless the court first determines that emergency or exigent circumstances exist. In doing so, the court may hear from the moving party, attorneys of record, any party and/or other individual necessary to the proceeding.

GENERAL ORDERS

- ¶ 1. Attorneys of record, clients, case workers, and/or any individual when appearing in court shall comply with the following: use a mask or cloth covering their nose and mouth; use social distancing techniques when interacting with court staff and anyone else appearing in court; maintain at least 6 feet of distance between themselves and other individuals whenever possible; practice good personal hygiene by washing your hands before and after entering court for at least 20 seconds using soap and hot water; frequently use "hand sanitizer" containing at least 60% alcohol; avoid touching your face,

eyes and hair; and do not place your fingers or foreign objects such as pens and pencils in or near your mouth.

- ¶ 2. If you have traveled within the last 21 days to any country or region of the United States designated by the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as high risk locations or “hot spots” for transmission of COVID-19, you should not enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center.
- ¶ 3. If you reside with, or have or had close contact with anyone who has traveled to any country or region of the United States designated by the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as high risk locations or “hot spots” for transmission of COVID-19, you should not enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center.
- ¶ 4. If you have been directed to quarantine, isolate or self-monitor at home by any medical provider, you should not enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center.
- ¶ 5. If you have been diagnosed with or have or had close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, you should not enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center.
- ¶ 6. If you are unwell, coughing, sneezing, have a runny nose, have difficulty breathing, are sick or have a fever, you should not enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center. Do Not Come to Court. Contact your attorney or Court Administration at 815-334-4385 and advise them of the situation and they will inform the Court. Your matter will be rescheduled to a later date and time.
- ¶ 7. Attorneys of record: If your client and/or any witness or other individual advises you they are unwell, coughing, sneezing, have a runny nose, have difficulty breathing, are sick or have a fever, advise them not to come to Court or enter the Michael J. Sullivan Judicial Center. Advise them their matter will be rescheduled to a later date and time.



Judge Christopher M. Harmon
Presiding Judge, Family Division
Assigned to Juvenile Court