

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, GENERAL ORDER 2020 -**

SUBJECT: Eviction Court Caseload

WHEREAS: Chief Judge Evans has entered General Orders effective May 1st, 2020 and on June 26, 2020 extended that order with a modified order extending certain court operations to August 22, 2020 to ensure health and safety of court personnel and those entering public buildings.

WHEREAS: The Presiding Judge of the First Municipal District seeks to address issues present with operation of Eviction court to protect the participants and court staff.

WHEREAS: Eviction Court cases have been delayed due to court shutdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is now a backlog of Eviction Court cases that must be analyzed and scheduled in an expeditious, fair and organized fashion.

WHEREAS: Cases currently scheduled between August 3, 2020 to August 31, 2020 will be rescheduled 10 cases per day each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with the first hearing date of September 14, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County is directed to increase the number of cases assigned to each of the five Eviction courtrooms by 40 cases per week divided between four days such as 10 per day on each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
2. Eviction cases are to be conducted via ZOOM video or telephone conference where possible.
3. No more than twenty persons are permitted in each courtroom hearing eviction cases. Everyone entering a courtroom must wear a mask or face covering.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 27th day of July 2020.

Presiding Judge
E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

JUL 27 2020

ENTERED:

Circuit Court - 1624


E. KENNETH WRIGHT, JR.

PRESIDING JUDGE

FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT