

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2022-01**

**SUBJECT: Court Operations During Weather Emergency**

On the basis of current, active weather alerts by the National Weather Service that are reliably predicting significant and problematic snow accumulation in Cook County during the court's regular business hours on Wednesday and Thursday, February 2-3, 2022, and it appearing that said conditions would significantly threaten the safety and welfare of judges, court system employees, and persons having business with the court,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all court proceedings (civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile), and related operations of the circuit court of Cook County may be conducted remotely on Wednesday and Thursday, February 2-3, 2022; initial bail hearings and juvenile detention hearings may be held in person;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all proceedings previously scheduled to be conducted remotely (Zoom) shall be conducted remotely; nothing in this order shall be interpreted to mean that a judge cannot conduct proceedings from the courthouse;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, unless provided in a mittimus by the judge presiding, cases of defendants in the sheriff's custody shall be continued to Monday, February 7, 2022;

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that all petitions for emergency civil no contact orders, emergency civil orders of protection, emergency firearms restraining orders, or emergency stalking no contact orders may be filed by email sent to the Domestic Violence Courthouse, 555 W. Harrison St., Chicago, and may be heard remotely; the Presiding Judge shall establish procedures for filing and hearing said petitions, including, but not limited to, scheduling hearings by administrative order, as long as such procedures are consistent with this order;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in civil cases, all jury trials now in progress shall be continued to Friday, February 4, 2022; all jury trials scheduled to begin on Wednesday or Thursday, February 2-3, 2022, shall be continued to Friday, February 4, 2022;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all orders resulting from proceedings held February 2-3, 2022, and not entered by the circuit clerk during that period shall be entered by the clerk no later than February 9, 2022;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in the discretion of the Presiding Judge of the district or division, all other in-person operations of the court, including Zoom rooms and Help Desks, may be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, February 2-3, 2022; no person who is unable to attend a court proceeding shall suffer any adverse legal consequences as a result of a Zoom room being closed or otherwise being unable to attend the proceeding;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, in all cases in which continuances are ordered pursuant to this order in matters in which a party is not present remotely or in person, the circuit clerk shall send notice of the new date to the parties no later than February 18, 2022;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that all employees of the Circuit Court of Cook County who are able to perform their duties remotely on Wednesday and Thursday, February 2-3, 2022, consistent with the above, shall do so.

Dated this 1st day of February 2022 and effective immediately.

**ENTER:**

**ENTERED**  
JUDGE TIMOTHY EVANS - 1592  
  
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IRIS MARTINEZ  
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF COOK COUNTY, IL  
DEPUTY CLERK *EM*



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Timothy C. Evans  
Chief Judge