

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2024-04

SUBJECT: Court Operations During Weather Emergency

On the basis of current, active weather alerts by the National Weather Service that are reliably predicting extremely low air temperatures and wind chills in Cook County on Tuesday, January 16, 2024; it appearing that said conditions might adversely impact the safety and welfare of judges, court system employees, and persons having business with the court; and to ensure that no one is unnecessarily exposed to potentially hazardous conditions,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, will operate as follows on January 16, 2024;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that initial appearance and detention hearings in the Pretrial Division (previously known as bond court), juvenile detention hearings, and proceedings for emergency protective orders will be held according to their usual schedules and in their scheduled locations;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that litigants in all other matters scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024, are encouraged to appear remotely via Zoom if they are not able to appear in person. To obtain Zoom information, please go to www.cookcountycourt.org or contact the Clerk of Circuit Court's Customer Service Call Center at 312-603-5030

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no warrants shall be issued, no cases shall be dismissed, and no defaults shall be entered, as a consequence of inability to appear in court on January 16.

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Dated this 15th day of January, 2024, and effective immediately.