

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT –BRANCH COURTS
GENERAL ORDER 2020-24 Coronavirus Closings**

Coronavirus: COVID-19 VIRUS COURT CLOSINGS OCTOBER 28-29, 2020
BRANCH 35, 38 at 727 E. 111TH STREET
BRANCH 43, 44 at 3150 W. FLOURNOY

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic requires certain precautions to prevent its spread among individuals and requires removal from the workforce for 14 days for those employees that test positive for the virus and that other employees who worked with and were exposed to the test-positive individuals be tested for the Coronavirus

WHEREAS, the above Branch Courts in observing such precautions will be short of staff for a period to allow recuperation and testing to cure and control the virus.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All cases for Branch Courts 35, 38 and 43, 44 of the First Municipal District are hereby suspended due to staffing shortages for the days of October 29 and 30. Cases in those courts will be continued to the next court key date or distributed to other dates as convenient for scheduling and staffing.
2. Judges will be available in person or remotely at the affected Branch courts to assist staff and litigants with the shutdown and case continuances.
3. The Clerk's Office shall provide notice to the defendants with new court dates, time and Zoom information.
4. Only a limited number of motions will be allowed on these continuance dates and such motions need to be filed with the Clerk's Office via email. Individuals with accepted motions will be provided Zoom information with the date and time for the motion.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 29th day of October, 2020.

ENTERED:



E. KENNETH WRIGHT, JR.
PRESIDING JUDGE
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

Presiding Judge E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

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