

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT  
GENERAL ORDER 2020 - 13**

**SUBJECT: Resume Marriage Court with Social Distancing,  
Face Masks and Other Precautions**

**WHEREAS:** Chief Judge Evans has entered General Orders effective May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and on June 26, 2020 extended that order with a modified order extending court operations to July 6, 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 Marriage Court in a manner to protect the participants, their guests and Marriage Court staff.

**WHEREAS:** Cook County Board President has issued an order of July 6, 2020 requiring people entering county buildings to answer questions on a **Wellness Screening Questionnaire** and a **temperature check** for a temperature below 100.4.

**WHEREAS:** Effective July 13, 2020 and until further order of Court participants and their guests at Marriage Court must observe Social Distancing and wear face coverings or masks and observe the following protocols while present in the building housing Marriage Court.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Marriage Court Hours are 9:00am to 4:00pm M-F and 9:00-Noon on Saturday.
2. Marriages must be scheduled according to phone message on 312-603-5660.
3. Marriages are limited to 20 per day on weekdays and 20 on Saturday.
4. The two participants will be allowed to bring in two guests only.
5. All persons entering Marriage Court will use the LaSalle and Clark entrances during the week and LaSalle entrance on Saturday and will immediately be asked Wellness Screening Questions and have a Temperature Check.
6. Upon passing the screening each person entering must use the down escalator at the Randolph entrance and proceed to the lower level for Marriage Court.

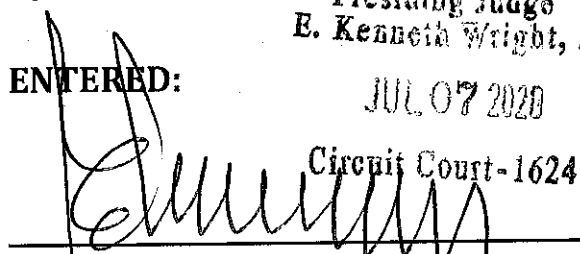
7. Only sixteen (16) individuals at a time will be allowed to the lower level Marriage court.
8. Judges will be provided face shields for performing services and judges and participants will observe the distance requirements from the marriage participants.
9. Upon conclusion of the marriage ceremony the participants and guests must leave the lower level from a rear exit if necessary to avoid contact with those entering the Marriage court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** That all Marriages and Civil Unions will be set by appointment only. There will be no exceptions to this requirement.

No more than four persons are permitted at the marriage ceremony. Everyone entering Marriage Court must wear a mask or face covering. No exceptions.

**Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.**

ENTERED:



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

Presiding Judge  
E. Kenneth Wright, Jr.

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