

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION**

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-04

SUBJECT: COVID-19 MEASURES (3)

This General Administrative Order is entered pursuant to continuing court measures implemented by Chief Judge Evans for the COVID-19 pandemic.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. This General Administrative Order supersedes and replaces Chancery Division General Administrative Orders 2020-02 and 2020-03.
2. In conjunction with General Administrative Order 2020-01 (amended March 30, 2020) entered by Chief Judge Timothy Evans on March 30, 2020, and excluding emergency matters, all General Chancery and Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien matters are continued and reset through May 18, 2020 pending further order of court. All mortgage foreclosure cases, evictions, orders for possession, and judicial sales are stayed.
 - a. For all matters, pending dates will be automatically rescheduled by the Clerk of the Circuit Court. Attorneys and litigants are encouraged to re-notice the new date as a courtesy to all parties in the case.
 - b. Non-emergency motions e-filed during this time should be scheduled for a date after May 18, 2020.
 - c. Discovery may proceed to the extent allowed in Chief Judge Evans' General Administrative Order 2020-01 (Amended March 31, 2020), or as otherwise directed by the judge presiding over the case.
 - d. With respect to mortgage foreclosures, in addition to the above directives, the following parts of a foreclosure action are stayed:
 - i. All foreclosure actions are stayed through May 18, 2020. Discovery is allowed pursuant to Section 2(c) above.
 - ii. All foreclosure sales are stayed through May 18, 2020. No judicial sales may occur during this period.
 - iii. All evictions resulting from foreclosures are stayed through May 18, 2020.
3. For all General Chancery and all Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien cases, only emergency matters will be heard. *Beginning April 13, 2020, all emergency matters will be heard remotely by telephone or video. There will be no in-person hearings on emergency matters.*
 - a. Definition of "Emergency": Emergency matters are defined as a sudden and unforeseen circumstance that may cause injury, loss of life, or damage to property and that requires an urgent response and remedial action.
 - b. How to Schedule an Emergency Motion: Procedures for scheduling emergency motions, by video or by telephone are as follows:

i. General Chancery Emergency Motions:

1. Email: Litigants or lawyers may email rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov to schedule an emergency motion with chambers' staff. The movant should attach courtesy copies of the emergency motion and notice of emergency motion and any relevant filings to the email.
2. Telephone: Litigants or lawyers may contact (312) 603-4181 to schedule an emergency motion with chambers' staff. If the emergency motion is scheduled over the telephone, courtesy copies should be delivered by email at rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov according to the directions of chambers' staff.

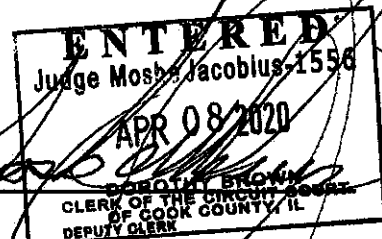
ii. Mortgage Foreclosure Emergency Motions:

1. Email: Litigants or lawyers may email rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov to schedule an emergency motion with chambers' staff. The movant should attach courtesy copies of the emergency motion and notice of emergency motion and any relevant filings to the email.
2. Telephone: Litigants or lawyers may contact (312) 603-3900 to schedule an emergency motion with chambers' staff. If the emergency motion is scheduled over the telephone, courtesy copies should be delivered by email at rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov according to the directions of chambers' staff.

- c. Instructions for Connecting to Remote Emergency Proceedings: Emergency hearings will be conducted by video or telephone conferencing. For any emergency proceeding scheduled for either General Chancery or Mortgage Foreclosures/Mechanics Lien that will be conducted by video or telephonic conferencing, instructions on connecting to the remote proceeding will be provided to the parties and litigants prior to the hearing date. Email addresses of all participants in the emergency hearing should be provided to the court at the time of the request for an emergency motion.
- d. Emergency Motion Call Times: All emergency motions will be heard at 10:00A.M. for both General Chancery and Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien matters, unless otherwise directed by court staff.
- e. Notice of Emergency Motions: All emergency motions should be noticed a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours in advance of presentation except for good cause shown. For General Chancery questions please contact (312) 603-4181 and for Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien questions, please contact (312) 603-3900. Alternatively, please email rvp.chancery@cookcountyil.gov with any questions.

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Moshe Jacobius
Presiding Judge
Chancery Division



Date: April 8, 2020