

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-04 (Amended)

RE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURTHOUSE EMAIL ADDRESS

Pursuant to Cook County G.A..O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective April 10, 2020, and until further order of the court:

All documents, including, but not limited to, certificates of exemption pursuant to Ill. S. Ct. R. 9 (eff. Jan. 1, 2020), petitions, responsive pleadings, motions and responses thereto, and proposed orders may be emailed for consideration by the court to 555DV.Courthouse@cookcountyil.gov;

Said email message shall state whether an included document is a courtesy copy or is being submitted for filing;

Nothing in this order shall be interpreted to change the requirements of Ill. S. Ct. R. 9 (above) as to the electronic filing of any document.

This order is entered on this **10th** day of **April**, 2020 and shall be spread of record and published.

ENTERED:



Raúl Vega
Presiding Judge
Domestic Violence Division
Circuit Court of Cook County

Judge Raul Vega

APR 10 2020

Circuit Court- 1863

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-05 (Amended)

RE: SCHEDULING OF REMOTE VIDEOCONFERENCE HEARINGS

Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G.A.O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020) **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of the court:

1. In order to fairly and efficiently accommodate petitioners appearing by videoconference or teleconference from a location outside the courthouse and petitioners appearing in person at the courthouse, the following procedures shall be followed in a proceeding to be held by videoconference or teleconference:
 - a. Attorneys, other advocates, and self-represented litigants shall provide court staff with an email address or phone number at which they may be directly contacted about the schedule;
 - b. If an interpreter is needed, attorneys, other advocates, and self-represented litigants shall inform court staff of the need and the language for which the interpreter is needed;
 - c. When the petition has been stamped, given a case number, and sent to the sitting judge for a hearing, court staff shall communicate that information to the advocate or attorneys and any self-represented litigant;
 - d. Petitions received by the court before 3:00 p.m., shall be heard on that day;
 - e. Petitions or motions received after 3:00 p.m. shall be heard prior to 12:00 p.m. on the next day the court is in session;
 - f. Court staff shall make reasonable efforts to provide notice to the advocates or the attorneys and any self-represented litigant that their case will be heard at a time within 30 minutes of the pleadings being presented to the sitting judge;
 - g. If the advocate, attorney, or a self-represented litigant is not prepared when their case is called the case shall be passed and recalled later;
2. The attorney or other advocate shall assist the petitioner in all procedures necessary for the petitioner's participation by videoconference or teleconference;
3. When an emergency order is granted at a hearing held by remote videoconference or teleconference, the court's liaison shall email a copy of the order to the petitioner or petitioner's attorney of record, and the circuit clerk shall transmit teleconference a copy of the order to the sheriff for entry into LEADS.

This order is entered on this **10th** day of **April**, 2020, and shall be spread of record and published.

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Judge Raul Vega

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Raúl Vega
Presiding Judge
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Circuit Court of Cook County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION**

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-06 (Amended)

**RE: EMAIL OF PETITIONS FOR ORDERS OF PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY
MOTIONS**

Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G. A. O. 2020-01, (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of the court:

Petitions for an emergency order of protection and emergency motions shall be emailed to the court at 555DV.Courthouse@cookcountyil.gov;

Court staff shall file the emergency pleading or emergency motion with the circuit clerk and transmit a file-stamped copy of the emergency pleading or emergency motion to the assigned judge for a hearing on that day;

The sitting judge shall review the filings and conduct a hearing pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. (Dom. Viol Div.) Admin. Order No. 2020-DV-05 on the emergency petition or emergency motion and enter an order granting appropriate relief;

If the sitting judge determines the motion to be a non-emergency, the motion will be entered and continued to a future date for status, and the moving party on the motion shall provide notice to the respondent of the future date;

The respondent shall be granted a minimum of 21 days to file a response to a non-emergency motion.

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Raúl Vega
Presiding Judge
Domestic Violence Division
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-07 (Amended)

RE: PLENARY ORDERS

Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G.A.O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of court:

A litigant in a Domestic Violence case who has previously obtained a Plenary Order of Protection, a Plenary Stalking No Contact Order, or a Civil No Contact Order that is set to expire between March 17, 2020, and May 15, 2020, are hereby granted leave to electronically submit a Motion Requesting Extension of the Plenary Order of Protection to the court by email if the movant believes the circumstances warrant an extension;

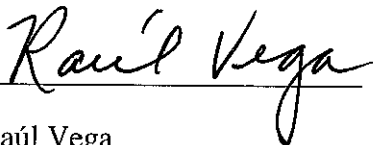
1. Said motions shall be heard and ruled upon by the sitting judge on the day the motion is filed but in no event later than the date that the Plenary Order is set to expire;

Any extension granted pursuant hereto shall include the following provisions:

- a. Respondent is granted 21 days to file a responsive pleading with the circuit clerk;
 - b. the matter is set for status before the regularly assigned calendar judge 45 days after the date that it is ruled upon, unless the 45th day falls on a weekend, or court holiday, in which case it will be continued to the following business day; and
 - c. the Plenary Order of Protection, Plenary Stalking No Contact Order, or Civil No Contact Order is extended until the status date.
2. The Court shall enter the extension order and court staff shall email a copy of said Order to the parties and attorneys of record.
 3. The extension shall then be transmitted by the circuit clerk to the sheriff for entry into LEADS.

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Presiding Judge

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-08 (Amended)

RE: SIGNING OF PETITIONS AND MOTIONS

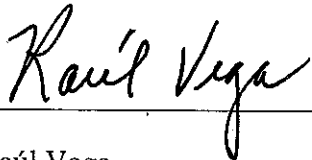
Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G.A.O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020) **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of the court:

The Domestic Violence Division shall continue to accept all petitions for Orders of Protection, Stalking No Contact Orders, and Civil No Contact Orders, regardless of whether they are signed;

The petitioner shall be allowed to orally attest under oath and on the record to the veracity of the contents of the relevant pleading when that litigant appears for hearing by videoconference, and the petition shall be deemed signed and verified upon attestation.

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Presiding Judge
Domestic Violence Division
Circuit Court of Cook County

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-09 (Amended)

RE: CONTINUED PUBLICATION OF REMOTE ASSISTANCE AVAILABILITY

Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G.A.O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020) **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of the court, the Domestic Violence Division shall continue to post signage in prominent places within the courthouse that informs litigants of the availability of remote assistance in completing their petitions for orders of protection from attorneys and other advocates.

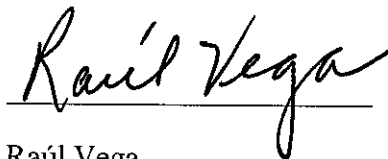
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-10 (Amended)

RE: NO FEE TELECONFERENCING OR VIDEOCONFERENCING

Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G.A.O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020) **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of the court:

The Domestic Violence Division shall not require the use of any teleconferencing or videoconferencing service that charges a fee to the petitioner or that is otherwise inaccessible to the attorneys, other advocates, or litigants.

This order is entered on this 10th day of April, 2020, and shall be spread of record and published.

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Raúl Vega
Acting Presiding Judge
Domestic Violence Division
Circuit Court of Cook County

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-11 (Amended)

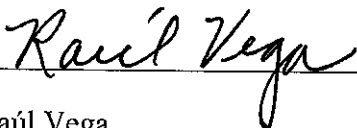
RE: AGREED ORDERS

Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G.A.O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of the court:

1. Proposed agreed orders may be submitted by either party to the Court by email to 555DV.Courthouse@cookcountyil.gov;
 - a. ALL Agreed Orders shall bear the heading: “**AGREED ORDER SUBMITTED BY ELECTRONIC MEANS**”;
 - b. ALL Agreed Orders shall contain, when feasible, the electronic signature of all counsel of record and self-represented litigants in the cause;
 - c. ALL Agreed Orders shall contain the email address and contact telephone number of each counsel of record and self-represented litigant in the cause;
 - d. ALL Agreed Orders approved by the Court shall be sent by electronic means to counsel of record and self-represented litigants within forty eight hours;
 - e. A self-represented litigant shall be allowed to orally attest under oath and on the record to her or his approval of the contents of the proposed order when that litigant appears for hearing by videoconference or teleconference; for purposes of this order, the approval shall be deemed signed and verified upon attestation;
2. The party submitting the proposed agreed order shall include all counsel of record and all self-represented litigants as recipients of the email;
3. If the Court declines to enter any Agreed Order, the Court shall concisely and timely communicate the reasons for the same to the parties;
4. After review and approval by the Court, the Court shall send a copy of the Agreed Order to all counsel of record and self-represented litigants, however, no Agreed Order shall be entered by the Court unless all counsel of record and self-represented litigants are included as recipients of the email containing the proposed order;
5. For purposes of this order, the term “Agreed Order” shall mean any order, including, but not limited to, temporary order and plenary order.

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Presiding Judge

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-12 (Amended)

**RE: MOTIONS TO APPOINT SPECIAL PROCESS SERVERS IN RESPONSE TO
COOK COUNTY CIR. CT. G. A.O. No. 2020-01 (amended April 3, 2020)**

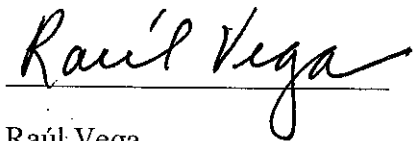
Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G.A.O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020), **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of the court:

All Motions for Appointment of Special Process Servers shall be granted if emailed to 555DV.Courthouse@cookcountyil.gov;

Said motions shall be reviewed and granted by the sitting judge on the day the motion is filed.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-13 (Amended)

**RE: ADMISSION OF LITIGANTS AND CHILDREN INTO THE DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE COURTHOUSE**

Pursuant to Cook County Cir. Ct. G.A.O. No. 2020-01 (COVID-19 Emergency Measures) (amended April 3, 2020) **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that, effective immediately and until further order of the court:

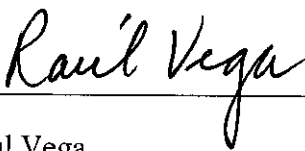
In order that no petitioner be denied access to the courthouse, the sheriff shall allow petitioners to enter the courthouse with their children to file petitions for Emergency Orders of Protection or emergency motions and to participate in court proceedings in person or by videoconference;

Petitioners shall be allowed to appear before the court by videoconference in the courthouse with their children;

Nothing in this order shall prohibit the sheriff from denying entry to any person who they deem to be a threat to public health.

This order is entered on this 10th day of April, 2020 and shall be spread of record and published.

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Presiding Judge
Domestic Violence Division
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-14

RE: COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEASURES, GENERAL PROVISIONS

As an aid in the interpretation and effective implementation of this Division's administrative orders entered in furtherance of the court's COVID-19 emergency measures,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the term "sitting judge" shall mean the judge assigned to hear or otherwise review matters on a given day, regardless of whether the matter to be reviewed is assigned to the same calendar as the sitting judge;

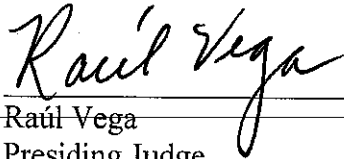
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, when an interpreter is needed in any court proceeding, counsel of record, other advocates, or a self-represented litigant shall inform the court of the need for an interpreter and the language for which interpretation is needed; requests may be made by email to 555DV.Courthouse@cookcountyil.gov;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that receipt of email messages received by the circuit clerk or court staff shall be confirmed by the recipient, by return email, in a timely manner;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that counsel, other advocates, and the parties shall facilitate the hearing of matters by videoconference to the extent that is reasonably practicable; upon a showing of good cause, a hearing may be held by teleconference or in person, however, all participants shall make every reasonable effort to avoid conducting hearings in person at the courthouse; nothing in this order shall limit the court's discretion to direct the way in which hearings are to be conducted or to make and issue a ruling based solely on written submissions.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2020, and effective immediately.

ENTERED:



Raúl Vega
Presiding Judge
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