

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020 – DV – 16

RE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REOPENING ORDER

Whereas, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Plenary Orders of Protection, Plenary Stalking No Contact, Plenary Civil No Contact Orders, Emergency or Interim Orders of Protection, Emergency or Interim Stalking No Contact Orders, and Emergency or Interim Civil No Contact Orders from March 17, 2020 through July 2, 2020 have been extended, rescheduled and continued from time to time for 30 day periods, and

Whereas, in order to begin the reopening of the Domestic Violence Division, while maintaining social distancing in order to maintain the safety of litigants, attorneys, sheriffs, clerks, office of the chief judge's staff, judges, and the public, and

Whereas, the Domestic Violence Division shall begin to reopen the criminal and civil court calls as of July 6, 2020

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT ALL CRIMINAL AND CIVIL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT CALLS SHALL BEGIN TO BE HEARD VIA ZOOM ONLY AS OF JULY 6, 2020 AS FOLLOWS:

CIVIL COURT CALLS:

1. All civil Emergency Petitions for Orders of Protection, Emergency Petitions for Stalking No Contact Orders, and Emergency Petitions for Civil No Contact Orders shall continue to be heard via Zoom either from the Domestic Violence Courthouse screening area or remotely from July 6, 2020 and until further order of court.
2. Starting July 6, 2020, all Civil Calendars (Calendars 71, 72, and V3) shall begin to hear their regularly scheduled cases with all litigants and others appearing via Zoom until further order of court. Litigants and others shall connect to Zoom from a remote location outside the Domestic Violence courthouse.
3. All Petitioners and all Respondents over whom the Court has jurisdiction must appear for court via Zoom on their assigned dates or be subject to dismissal or default:

- A. On cases where the Petitioner appears for court via Zoom and there has not been service of summons, the Petitioner shall advise the court whether she/he wishes to voluntarily dismiss the case or wishes to proceed with the case. The court will entertain oral motions for voluntary dismissal. If the Petitioner wishes to proceed, the court will issue a disposition order extending any order of protection already in effect, ordering an alias summons to issue, and continuing the matter 28 days for status on service, with the Clerk of the court to send the order to parties of record. In those cases, the Petitioner shall provide any additional information necessary for the preparation of an alias summons.
- B. On cases where the Petitioner and Respondent appear via Zoom and are seeking a hearing date, the court will set a date for hearing after September 4, 2020, giving priority to cases that previously had been set for hearing between March 16, 2020 and July 6, 2020. Parties shall bring any discovery disputes to the court via motion noticed for presentation at least thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled hearing date.
- C. On cases where the Respondent appears via Zoom and agrees to the entry of a Plenary Order of Protection, the court will entertain oral motions for the entry of such orders.
- D. If a Petitioner appears via Zoom, and the court has jurisdiction over the Respondent, and the Respondent received notice of the court date and fails to appear via Zoom, the Court may entertain an oral motion for the entry of a Plenary Order of Protection by default.

CRIMINAL COURT CALLS:

1. Bond court and preliminary hearings in Branch 64 shall continue to be heard via remote Zoom from July 6, 2020 and until further order of court.
2. Each of the four criminal court Judges (Branch 60, 61, 62, and 63) shall begin to hear their calls every day via remote Zoom beginning July 6, 2020 and until further order of court.
3. Each criminal court Branch Judge shall hear cases via remote Zoom based on the above schedule for cases involving Social Services and Adult Probation regarding statuses and

sentence completions without complaining witnesses or Respondents present in the courtroom; similarly, cases where demands for trial are made, resetting of previously scheduled trials, and discovery statuses shall be heard via remote Zoom without the necessity of parties being in court.

4. Subject to the Illinois Supreme Court's tolling of the Speedy Trial Act, no cases shall be set for trial until after September 4, 2020 or until further order of court.

This Order is entered on this 16th day of June, 2020 and shall be spread of record and published.

ENTERED:

Raul Vega #1863

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Presiding Judge
Domestic Violence Division
Circuit Court of Cook County

Judge Raul Vega

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