

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

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;

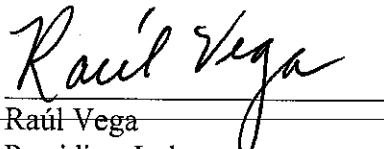
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, when an interpreter is needed in any court proceeding, counsel of record, other advocates, or a self-represented litigant shall inform the court of the need for an interpreter and the language for which interpretation is needed; requests may be made by email to 555DV.Courthouse@cookcountyil.gov;

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:



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

Judge Raul Vega

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