

STATE OF ILLINOIS
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-40
JURY TRIALS

Out of an abundance of caution and in response to the recent increase of COVID-19, the Fourth Judicial Circuit is amending its procedures in an attempt to reduce the possibility of spreading the disease.

An Order of the Illinois Supreme Court was entered on March 20, 2020, allowing the Chief Judge of each circuit to continue all trials, including in-custody trials, for the next 60 days and until further order of the Illinois Supreme Court without the continuance being attributable to the State or the Defendant for purposes of Section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5);

A subsequent Order of the Illinois Supreme Court was entered on April 3, 2020, allowing the Chief Judge of each circuit to continue all trials, including in-custody trials, until further order of the Illinois Supreme Court;

Therefore: all criminal jury trials in the Fourth Judicial Circuit are continued until January 4, 2021 or until further Order of the Illinois Supreme Court and the Fourth Judicial Circuit without this delay being attributed to the State or the Defendant.

Additionally, all civil jury trials currently scheduled in 2020 shall be vacated and are to be re-set to a date after January 1, 2021.

Entered: November 18, 2020



Kimberly G. Koester, Chief Judge
Fourth Judicial Circuit