

19 pandemic. Chief circuit judges should understand that local conditions may change, and their plans should contain contingencies in that event.

Local plans should continue to promote the use of remote hearings where appropriate. To the extent that the Court's order of March 17, 2020 prohibits in-person proceedings on non-essential matters, this provision is relaxed according to the plan adopted by the chief circuit judge in each circuit.

Additionally, the April 7, 2020, order regarding Illinois Courts Response to COVID-19 Emergency/Impact on Trials is modified to read as follows:

In the exercise of the general administrative and supervisory authority over the courts of Illinois conferred on this Court pursuant to Article VI, Section 16 of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 (Ill. Const. 1970, art. VI, sec. 16); in view of the state of emergency that has been declared by the Governor of the State of Illinois in order to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus; and in the interests of the health and safety of all court users, staff, and judicial officers during these extraordinary circumstances, and to clarify this Court's orders of March 20, 2020 and April 3, 2020, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court's orders of March 20, 2020 and April 3, 2020 are amended as follows:

The Chief Judges of each circuit may continue trials until further order of this Court. The continuances occasioned by this Order serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and defendants in a speedy trial. Therefore, such continuances shall be excluded from speedy trial computations contained in section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 (725 ILCS 5/103-5 (West 2018)) and section 5-601 of the Illinois Juvenile Court Act (705 ILCS 405/5-601 (West 2018)). Statutory time restrictions in section 103-5 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of 1963 and section 5-601 of the Juvenile Court Act shall be tolled until further order of this Court. This provision also applies when a trial is delayed when the court determines proper distancing and facilities limitations prevent the trial from proceeding safely. The judge in the case must find that such limitations necessitated the delay and shall make a record thereof.

Order entered by the Court.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court, this 20th day of May, 2020.

Carolyn Taft Gersbelle

Clerk,
Supreme Court of the State of Illinois