

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

GENERAL ORDER: 2020 D 16

SUBJECT: Extension of Remote Access Procedures in Response to the March 30, 2020 Amendment to General Administrative Order No. 2020-01

EFFECTIVE APRIL 6, 2020, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Until May 17, 2020, the following procedures shall be implemented to ensure the Domestic Relations Division remains accessible to all Cook County families and simultaneously minimizes courthouse congestion due to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus 2019) Pandemic:

1. **Extension of Prior General Orders:** the terms of General Order 2020 D 1 and General Orders 2020 D 3 through 2020 D 15¹ are hereby extended until May 17, 2018 and shall remain in full force and effect except for provisions contained therein that conflict with the procedures outlined in this General Order.
2. **All Non-Emergency² Remote Submissions:** including those made available by General Orders 2020 D 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, and 14 shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County and then submitted via email, with all counsel of record and self-represented parties copied as recipients, to:
 - a. the Court Coordinator for any judge who maintains an individual calendar, or
 - b. the Court Coordinator for the applicable judicial team, or
 - c. the Division Administrator for any judge who does not have a Court Coordinator, or;
 - d. any other method directed by the judge assigned to the matter.³

The regularly assigned calendar judge shall enter any resulting orders via the Collaborative Entry of Orders process outlined in General Order 2020 D 5.

¹ As of the date of entry of this General Order, all General Orders referenced herein can be found at www.cookcountycourt.org under the "Domestic Relations Division" heading.

²Emergency Motions and requests for extensions of Plenary Orders of Protection shall continue to be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and submitted to the Presiding Judge's Office via email to RVP.DomesticRelations@CookCountyIL.gov pursuant to the terms of General Orders 2020 D 3 and D 7. Petitions for Emergency Orders of Protection shall continue to be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court either online or in person and presented in person before the Emergency Judge consistent with General Administrative Order No. 2020-01.

³ A list of contact information for all Court Coordinators and the Division Administrator is attached.

3. Temporary Restraining Orders and Preliminary Injunctions:


- a. Paragraph C 1 of General Order 2020 D 5 is hereby amended to extend the period of time for automatic extension of all Temporary Restraining Orders and Preliminary Injunctions to include those set to expire between April 16, 2020 and May 17, 2020.
- b. All Temporary Restraining Orders entered between March 16, 2020 and the date of entry of this General Order by operation of General Order 2020 D 5 are hereby automatically extended and returnable 30 days from the currently scheduled court date, or a date not more than 30 days after May 18, 2020, whichever is later, unless the 30th day falls on a weekend, in which case it will be continued to the following business day.

4. Plenary Orders of Protection:

- a. Paragraph 1 of General Order 2020 D 7 is hereby amended to extend the ability to request an extension of a Plenary Order of Protection to litigants in a Domestic Relations case who have previously obtained a Plenary Order of Protection that is set to expire between April 16, 2020 and May 15, 2020.
- b. With respect to all extensions of Plenary Orders of Protection entered between March 18, 2020 and the date of entry of this General Order by operation of General Order 2020 D 7, the Presiding Judge's Office shall submit a list of case numbers and any other required data to the Cook County Sheriff to automatically extend those orders and make them returnable in accordance with General Order 2020 D 17.

Dated the 15th day of April 2020. This Order shall be spread upon the records of this Court and published.

ENTERED:


HON. GRACE G. DICKLER
Presiding Judge
Domestic Relations Division

Presiding Judge
Grace G. Dickler

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