IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION, THIRD MUNICIPAL DISTRICT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-DV-16 ADOPTED IN PART AND AMENDED TO COMPLY WITH THIRD DISTRICT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CALL

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 pubic, 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 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 Courtroom or remotely (where practical) from July 6, 2020 and until further order of court.
- 2. Starting July 6, 2020, all Civil Calendars shall begin to hear their regularly scheduled cases with all litigants and others appearing via Zoom (where practical) until further order of court. Litigants and others shall connect to Zoom from a remote location outside the Rolling Meadows Courthouse.
- 3. All petitioners and all respondents over whom the court has jurisdiction <u>must</u> <u>appear</u> for court via Zoom on their assigned dates or be subject to dismissal or default, or if necessary, can appear in person following protocols and safety guidelines.
 - 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 the Third District shall continue to be heard via remote Zoom from July 6, 2020 and until further order of court in Courtroom 108. Zoom ID 960 0952 5959 Password 116044
- 2. The domestic violence judge assigned to Courtroom 107 shall continue to hear their calls every day via remote Zoom beginning July 6, 2020 and until further order of court. Zoom ID 946 4349 5571 Password 824307
- 3. Each criminal domestic violence 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 Zoom without 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 jury trial until after September 4, 2020 or until further order of court.

DATED: June 16, 2020

ENTERED:

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

Presiding Judge

Third Municipal District