

# Restore Justice Foundation

## Criminal Justice Issues and Prisoners' Rights

**<https://restorejustice.org/status-of-illinois-court-hearings-most-circuits-operating-again-after-covid-19-closures/>**

## Newsletters

Court hearings throughout the state were cancelled this spring, as COVID-19 caused Illinois (and most of the country) to shut down. Courts are again holding hearings, but there may still be delays. We've compiled information about the status of hearings in each Illinois circuit.

[Find more information about court dates in most Illinois regions.](#)

### **Circuit Court of Cook County**

The Circuit Court of Cook County resumed in-person operations on July 6, but most cases are still being conducted through video. Lawyers are supposed to be given information about whether their clients should appear in person or virtually. Grand jury proceedings are being held, but criminal and civil jury trials are still suspended.

### **First Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Pope, Pulaski, Saline, Union, and Williamson counties)*

Court matters resumed June 1. Hearings are being held through phone and video when possible.

### **Second Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Crawford, Edwards, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White counties)*

Hearings for non-emergency cases resumed May 27. There are limits on the number of people allowed in court, and phone and video hearings are being used when possible.

### **Third Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Bond and Madison counties)*

Many court operations resumed on June 1, but criminal felony jury trials that were scheduled to begin before August 1 have been continued. For more information, call the clerk at (618) 692-6240 or visit [this site](#).

### **Fourth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Christian, Clay, Clinton, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Marion, Montgomery, and Shelby counties)*

Courts resumed hearings for traffic cases, including DUIs, bond settings and other cases for people currently in custody, and criminal felony cases. Video conferencing is being used when possible. Criminal jury trials have been continued until at least June 15.

### **Fifth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Edgar, and Vermilion counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1. Phone and video conferencing are being utilized when possible.

The following counties postponed jury trials and plan to resume them no sooner than the dates listed:

### **Sixth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Champaign, DeWitt, Douglas, Macon, Moultrie, and Piatt counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1. Remote hearings are being used when possible. Jury trials are scheduled to resume June 15.

### **Seventh Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Morgan, Sangamon, and Scott counties)*

### **Eighth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Mason, Menard, Pike, and Schuyler counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible.

#### **Ninth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible.

#### **Tenth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Marshall, Peoria, Putnam, Stark, and Tazewell counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible. Find more information here:

#### **Eleventh Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Ford, Livingston, Logan, McLean, and Woodford counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible.

#### **Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Will County)*

Hearings resumed June 1. [Find information about your upcoming court date.](#)

#### **Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Bureau, Grundy, and LaSalle counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible.

#### **Fourteenth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Henry, Mercer, Rock Island, and Whiteside counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 with limitations, including the number of cases in a courtroom per hour.

#### **Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Carroll, Jo Daviess, Lee, Ogle, and Stephenson counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible.

#### **Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Kane County)*

All jury trials (felony, misdemeanor, and traffic) start on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. These jury trials will be continued to Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of the following week. Jury selection is held Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday mornings at 8:30 a.m. On Tuesdays, jury trials are limited to six-person juries and will only apply to traffic and misdemeanor cases. Find court dates [here](#) or by calling (630) 232-3413.

#### **Seventeenth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Boone and Winnebago counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible.

#### **Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(DuPage)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible. Criminal jury trials are scheduled to resume on July 20. Court dates can be viewed by attorneys at [eaccess](#) and by the general public at [epay](#).

#### **Nineteenth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Lake County)*

Proceedings resumed June 1 and are being conducted primarily through video. [Find scheduled court calls, including the appropriate video link.](#)

#### **Twentieth Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Monroe, Perry, Randolph, St. Clair, and Washington counties)*

Felony Division proceedings resumed June 1 through video conferencing. Here is when each judge is hearing cases (and the Zoom meeting ID to access the video feed):

### **Twenty-First Judicial Circuit Court**

*(Iroquois and Kankakee counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible.

### **Twenty-Second Judicial Circuit Court**

*(McHenry County)*

Hearings resumed June 1. [Find information about your upcoming court date.](#)

### **Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit Court**

*(DeKalb and Kendall counties)*

Hearings resumed June 1 and are conducted via phone and video when possible.

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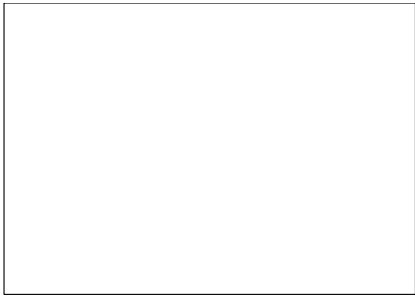
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