

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

PAUL P. GILFILLAN
Chief Circuit Judge



PEORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE
324 Main Street - Room 215
Peoria, Illinois 61602-1363
TEL: (309) 672-6047 * FAX: (309) 672-6957

PRESS RELEASE

March 13, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Rena' Parker
Trial Court Administrator
(309) 672-6066

**COURTHOUSE REMAINS OPEN, PRECAUTIONS TAKEN,
COURT RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE**

The Peoria County Courts remain open and will continue to monitor local and state health responses to the COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution, the Chief Judge of the Tenth Circuit has directed the following steps be taken to reduce the number of people entering the courthouse for court business.

RESTRICTED ACCESS: See attached Administrative Order 2020 – 03 re: court appearances.

COURT FACILITIES: Cleaning and disinfecting efforts have been intensified, especially regarding commonly touched surfaces.

JURY SERVICE: The Court system cannot function without juries. We are, however, taking steps to minimize the number of jurors summoned for service and staggering arrival times. This will result in a less congested environment and increase personal space.

MARRIAGES: Marriage ceremonies will continue to be performed at the courthouse as needed. However, only the couple being married and no more than four (4) guests will be allowed.

REMOTE APPEARANCES: Attorneys and litigants already have access to appear remotely in certain cases. Individual courtrooms may provide additional phone or video conference options.

EMPLOYEES AND STAFF: All court staff have been reminded to use good personal health habits as recommended by the CDC, and we ask all visitors to do the same. This includes cleaning hands often, avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth, avoiding close contact, and covering coughs and sneezes with tissue or elbows.

PROBATION AND PRE-TRIAL SERVICES: Stay in contact with these officers about courthouse visits and follow their directions.

COURTHOUSE TOURS: School tours and the like are canceled until further notice.

TRAFFIC TICKETS: The public is reminded that certain traffic tickets can be paid by mail, online or credit card by phone. For information call (309) 672-6984.

For more information on all of the above and more, visit Peoria County Health Department's website at: www.pchd.org/COVID19 or the Tenth Circuit's website at: 10thcircuitcourtil.org.