

BOONE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

TEMPORARY PROTOCOL FOR ALL CIVIL CASE STATUS AND MOTION CALLS

In recognition of Governor JB Pritzker's Five-Phase Plan (May 5, 2020) to safely reopen and restore Illinois, and until such time the court is able to resume normal, unrestricted activity, the following protocol shall apply to all Boone County civil case status and motion calls:

- (1) During ongoing efforts to reduce the risk of person-to-person spread of COVID-19, the court is committed to minimizing the number of in-person appearances of counsel and/or parties.
- (2) Cases scheduled for status, case management or presentation(s) of motion(s) will be heard in 10 to 15 minute intervals, with the number of cases heard during each interval capped to insure social distancing. As cases scheduled for status, case management or presentation(s) of motion(s) do not require evidence or testimony, parties represented by counsel should not attend. Cases scheduled for status, case management or presentation(s) of motion(s) will be heard at the scheduled time. Cases not heard during the scheduled time slot will be given a new date and time. Cases requiring argument or hearing will be specially set on a date and at a time convenient to the court, counsel and parties. All hearings will be conducted pursuant to the **Mode of Hearing** directive set forth in Adm. Ord. 2020-18 (2nd Amended). Use of Court Call is encouraged (888-882-6878).
- (3) Agreed orders are highly encouraged. Attorneys and/or parties seeking a continuance, an alias summons or other agreed relief shall e-file a proposed order setting forth the new date and time for the case. All proposed agreed dates shall be secured through the Boone County Circuit Clerk's Office (815-544-0371). In the case of an agreed continuance, your case will generally be assigned a new date 60 to 120 days out.