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MEMORANDUM

To: All Judges
All Employees

From: Timothy C. Evans
Chief Judge

Date: January 29, 2019

Re: **Court closures on Wednesday and Thursday**

To ensure that nobody is placed in danger while traveling to and from court due to the anticipated historic cold temperatures for our area, the Circuit Court of Cook County will be closed on Wednesday, January 30, 2019 and Thursday, January 31, 2019.

This means that -- with the exception of bail hearings and certain pretrial matters for in-custody defendants at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago and juvenile detention hearings at the Juvenile Center in Chicago -- there will be no court in session on Wednesday and Thursday in any Cook County courthouse. All cases set for Wednesday and Thursday will be rescheduled.

Please see the attached General Administrative Order for more details. As always, feel free to call the court's info line: 312-603-4636.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2019-02

SUBJECT: Rescheduling, Weather Emergency

On the basis of current, active weather alerts by the National Weather Service that are reliably predicting extreme and dangerous wind chill effects in Cook County during the court's regular business hours on January 30 and 31, 2019,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all courthouses and related operations of the circuit court of Cook County, except the Pretrial Division (formerly known as Central Bond Court) at the George N. Leighton Courthouse, 2650 S. California Ave., Chicago, ("Pretrial Division") and the Juvenile Justice Division, 1100 S. Hamilton Ave., Chicago, shall be closed for business on Wednesday and Thursday, January 30-31, 2019;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, unless otherwise ordered by the judge presiding, all civil cases in all Divisions and Municipal Districts are rescheduled and continued until the same times and in the same courtrooms on February 6 and 7, 2019, respectively; if otherwise scheduled by the judge presiding, the parties shall be notified of the date and time of their next court appearance date by the circuit clerk;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, unless otherwise specified below, all traffic and criminal cases scheduled for court appearances on January 30 and 31, 2019, are rescheduled and continued until the same times and in the same courtrooms as follows:

INITIAL BAIL HEARINGS

1. Initial bail hearings in all criminal and traffic cases and all bail hearings on warrants and body attachments in all cases in all Divisions and Municipal Districts shall be heard at the Pretrial Division;

TRAFFIC CASES

2. All cases in all Municipal Districts in which defendants are released on bail are rescheduled and continued until the next key date, and the defendants shall be notified of the date and time of their next court appearance date by the circuit clerk.
3. All cases in all Districts in which defendants are in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections or the Illinois Department of Corrections are rescheduled and continued until the same times and in the same courtrooms on Friday, February 1, 2019.

CRIMINAL DIVISION

4. All cases, including those pending in all Municipal Districts, in which defendants are in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections or the Illinois Department of Corrections are rescheduled and continued until Friday, February 1, 2019.
5. All cases in all Districts of defendants released on bail shall be rescheduled by the judge presiding, and the defendants shall be notified of the date and time of their next court appearance date by the circuit clerk.

PRETRIAL DIVISION and FIRST MUNICIPAL DISTRICT (City of Chicago)

6. All misdemeanor cases in a First Municipal District preliminary hearing courtroom in which defendants are in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections are continued until Friday, February 1, 2019.
7. All cases in Branches 2, 3, 66, and 98 in which defendants are in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections will be heard at 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday and Thursday, January 30 and 31, 2019.
8. All cases in Branches 2, 3, 66, and 98 of defendants released on bail shall be rescheduled and continued until the same times and in the same courtrooms on February 6 and 7, 2019, respectively.
9. All misdemeanor, ordinance, or traffic cases of defendants released on bail are hereby continued until the next key date, and the defendants shall be notified of the date and time of their next court appearance date by the circuit clerk.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICTS 2-6 (All Suburban Districts)

10. All traffic, misdemeanor, preliminary hearing, and felony cases of defendants in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections are continued until Friday, February 1, 2019.
11. All preliminary hearing cases of defendants released on bail are rescheduled and continued until the same times and in the same courtrooms on February 6 and 7, 2019, respectively.
12. All ordinance, misdemeanor and traffic cases in which defendants are released on bail are rescheduled and continued until the next key date, and the defendants shall be notified of the date and time of their next court appearance date by the circuit clerk.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DIVISION

13. All cases in Branch 64 and all misdemeanor cases in courtrooms located at 555 West Harrison Street, Chicago, in which defendants are in the custody of the Cook County Department of Corrections are continued until Friday, February 1, 2019.
14. All civil cases and all misdemeanor cases in which defendants are released on bail are rescheduled and continued until the same times and in the same courtrooms on February 6 and 7, 2019, respectively.
15. All orders of protection, stalking no contact orders, civil no contact orders, firearms restraining orders, and protective orders scheduled to expire on January 30 or 31 are extended until February 6 and 7, 2019, respectively.

JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

16. All initial detention hearings shall be heard at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, January 30 and 31, 2019.
17. All cases of respondents in secured custody, including those in custody at the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, are rescheduled and continued until Friday, February 1, 2019.

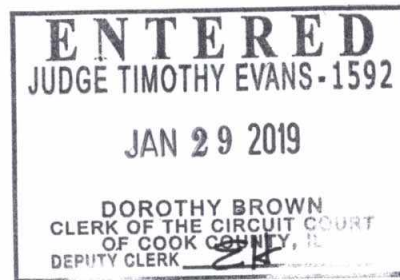
18. All respondents released on bail are rescheduled and continued until the same times and in the same courtrooms on February 6 and 7, 2019, respectively.

CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

19. All cases are rescheduled and continued until the same times and in the same courtrooms on February 6 and 7, 2019, respectively.

Dated this 29th day of January, 2019, and effective immediately.

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Timothy C. Evans
Chief Judge