

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2025-01**

**SUBJECT: Court Operations During Weather Emergency**

On the basis of current, active weather alerts by the National Weather Service that are reliably predicting extremely low air temperatures and wind chills in Cook County on Tuesday, January 21, 2025; it appearing that said conditions might adversely impact the safety and welfare of judges, court system employees, and persons having business with the court; and to ensure that no one is unnecessarily exposed to potentially hazardous conditions,

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, will operate as follows on January 21, 2025:

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that initial appearance and detention hearings, including hearings in the Pretrial and Domestic Violence Divisions and all Municipal Districts, juvenile detention hearings, and proceedings for emergency protective orders will be held according to their usual schedules and in their scheduled locations;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that litigants in all other matters scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025, are encouraged to appear remotely via Zoom if they are not able to appear in person. To obtain Zoom information, please go to <https://www.cookcountycourt.org/about/remote-court-proceedings> or contact the Clerk of Circuit Court's Customer Service Call Center at 312-603-5030

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that no warrants shall be issued, no cases shall be dismissed, and no defaults shall be entered, as a consequence of inability to appear in court on January 21.

Dated this 20th day of January, 2025, and effective immediately.