



**SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**

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LIMITED COURT OPERATIONS CONTINUE

- The Champaign County courthouse will remain closed until April 13, 2020 for all hearings except those specifically listed below:
 - Bond hearings and arraignments for individuals who are arrested and/or in custody
 - Summary suspension hearings
 - Emergency petitions for protective orders including, but not limited to, orders of protection, stalking no-contact, civil no-contact, and firearm surrender orders
 - Detention and review of detention hearings for juveniles who are detained
 - Shelter care and other essential hearings for juveniles who may have been abused or neglected
 - Mental health hearings for involuntary commitment or treatment
 - Pleas for in-custody defendants that involve a release of custody
- Requests for emergency hearings in **only** the categories listed above shall be emailed directly to Judge Difanis at tdifanis@co.champaign.il.us **and** to the judge assigned to the case.
- Daily hearings are scheduled in Courtroom F as follows:
 - 1:00 p.m. – detention hearings
 - 1:30 p.m. – arraignment court
 - EOPs after arraignment court
 - Shelter cares after EOPs.
- No motions to continue need to be filed on any cases set between now and April 13, 2020. Those cases will be continued by the court. New dates will be set after regular operations resume or by individual judges as feasible.
- Jury trials will be suspended at least until mid-April. At that time, only criminal trials for defendants in custody will be held.
 - At this time, jurors scheduled to report on April 20, 2020, and after should plan to report unless they are told otherwise.
- All pretrial hearings are canceled until the court reopens. These cases will be continued by the court to the next available pretrial date (after normal operations resume).
- Additional information will be shared as it becomes available, and all information is subject to change with little notice.