

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-20

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2020, **Vermilion County Administrative Order 2020-13** was entered effective instanter regarding the approved in person and online parenting education programs for purposes of compliance with Supreme Court Rule 924; and

WHEREAS, a **Coles County Courts' Notice RE: Re-Opening Court Operations** was issued effective June 1, 2020, was entered establishing the reopening plan for Coles County Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, **Vermilion County Administrative Order 2020-16**, was entered August 28, 2020, regarding the approved in person and online parenting education programs for purposes of compliance with Supreme Court Rule 924.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Vermilion County Administrative Orders 2020-13 and 2020-16 and the Coles County Courts' Notice RE: Re-Opening Court Operations are hereby approved, retroactive to the effective date of said orders.

DATED this 22nd day of October, 2020.



Chief Judge

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-13
APPROVING PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The Circuit Court for Vermilion County in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Illinois adopts the following Administrative Order:

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Rule 924 requires each circuit or county to create or approve a parenting education program consisting of at least four (4) hours of coursework covering the subjects of parenting time and allocation of parental responsibilities and their impact on children, and mandates all parties to a child custody or allocation of parental responsibilities proceeding to attend and complete an approved parenting education program not later than sixty (60) days after the initial case management conference;

WHEREAS, the judges of Vermilion County in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Illinois have considered the curriculum and competencies of parenting education programs and have determined that satisfactory completion of the programs identified in this Administrative Order would meet a party's obligations under Supreme Court Rule 924.

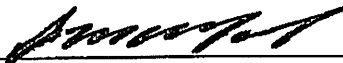
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. The following in-person parenting education programs are approved for purposes of compliance with Supreme Court Rule 924:
 - a. Children's First of Crosspoint Humans Services; and
 - b. Healing Hearts After Divorce program of Sara Wheeler.

2. The following online parenting education programs are approved for purposes of compliance with Supreme Court Rule 924:
 - a. Putting Kids First, found at: <https://puttingkidsfirst.org/>;
 - b. Kids First Today, found at: <https://kidsfirsttoday.com/>; and
 - c. Children 1st Foundation, found at: <http://children1stfoundation.net/classV3/>

3. This Administrative Order is effective *instanter*.

ENTERED this 26th day of May, 2020



Thomas M. O'Shaughnessy, Presiding Judge

Coles County Courts' Notice
RE: Re-Opening Court Operations

In consideration of directives and guidelines given by the Illinois Supreme Court along with the state and local health departments, and, in an effort to balance public health and safety concerns with the need to provide our community with access to the justice system and courts, the Coles County judiciary will resume court operations starting June 1, 2020.

All persons with pending cases are directed to check the status of your court date by going online to <https://www.judici.com> for Coles County, or, by contacting the Circuit Clerk's office at 348-0516. If represented by counsel, contact your attorney. Please, do not come to the courthouse just to find out your court date --- please check online or call. Please be patient as we anticipate a large number of inquiries.

All visitors to the Coles County Courthouse should be prepared to comply with the following public health guidelines beginning June 1, 2020:

Any person entering the courthouse will be screened concerning any relevant Covid-19 symptoms. Any person who has a fever, Covid-type symptoms, or who has been exposed to a positive case in the prior 14 days should not enter the courthouse. These persons should either contact their attorney, or, contact the circuit clerk and advise that they cannot attend. Should you present to the courthouse with these symptoms, security may deny you entry and provide you with further direction.

When in the courthouse building, visitors should exercise proper safety and health measures including wearing a face mask or proper face covering and maintaining social distance spacing.

In order to limit the foot traffic in the courthouse only necessary persons will be allowed to attend court proceedings. Any person coming to court should come alone unless otherwise authorized by the judge or their attorney. Security will be authorized to ask guests to wait outside the courthouse if their presence for a case is not required or otherwise permitted by the judge.

Visitors should arrive no more than 15 minutes prior to your court hearing. Once in the courthouse, you will be directed immediately to your designated courtroom; do not wait in the hallways outside the courtroom. Once your case has concluded, you should immediately leave the courthouse through the designated exit.

Judges will also be utilizing video and telephone technology to conduct certain civil court hearings remotely so as to further limit foot traffic in the building. These can be scheduled through Court Administration ((217) 348-0538) at the discretion of the judge.

Generally, cell phones will not be allowed in the courthouse and no phones or personal belongings will be stored at security as had been done before March, 2020. Leave them at home or in your car.

It is anticipated that the courts will be resuming jury trials beginning June 30, 2020. We are aware that citizens may have reluctance in serving jury duty; Coles County will strive to provide a safe and healthy environment for our jurors so that we may provide this essential function of the courts. Should you receive a jury summons, feel free to contact the Jury Coordinator at 348-0540 with questions or concerns.

NOTE: These rules and guidelines apply to the court system. Other visitors to the courthouse should check with the office they are visiting as to any procedures or restrictions imposed by that office. These offices include probation, county clerk, treasurer, assessor, regional planning and states attorney.

Lastly, the Courts would like to thank all of the Courthouse staff and employees, as well as our court security in helping us to continuously provide our citizens access to the justice system through these difficult times.

Mark E. Bovard
Presiding Judge, Coles County

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
VERMILION COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 2020-16
APPROVING PARENTING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

The Circuit Court for Vermilion County in the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Illinois adopts the following Administrative Order:

WHEREAS, Supreme Court Rule 924 requires each circuit or county to create or approve a parenting education program consisting of at least four (4) hours of coursework covering the subjects of parenting time and allocation of parental responsibilities and their impact on children, and mandates all parties to a child custody or allocation of parental responsibilities proceeding to attend and complete an approved parenting education program not later than sixty (60) days after the initial case management conference;

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 - c. Children 1st Foundation, found at: <http://children1stfoundation.net/classV3/> and
 - d. ACEonline, LLC, found at: <https://www.parentingclassdivorce.com/illinois>

3. This Administrative Order is effective *instanter*.

ENTERED this 28th day of August, 2020



Thomas M. O'Shaughnessy, Presiding Judge