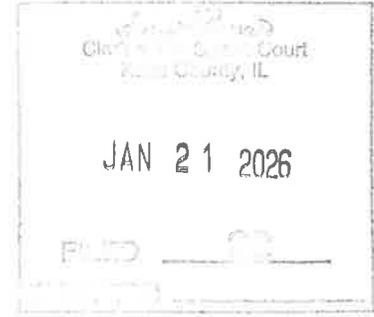


IN THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
GENERAL ORDER 26-01
Effective January 23, 2026



IN THE MATTER OF)
THE PHYSICAL CLOSURE OF)
COURTHOUSES DUE TO)
INCLEMENT WEATHER)

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service predicts wind chills of -25 to -35 degrees Fahrenheit and low actual air temperatures -2 to -14 for Friday, January 23, 2026,

WHEREAS, in order to protect the health and safety of the general public, circuit court judges, and circuit court employees, and after consultation with the offices of the Kane County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, Sheriff, Circuit Clerk, and representatives of the private bar, and pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 21(b) and the Court’s inherent authority,

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit has the capability to hold court, including first appearance court, remotely using the technology provided to it by the State of Illinois and the Kane County Board,

WHEREAS, the Kane County State’s Attorney, Public Defender, Circuit Clerk, and representatives of the private bar have the ability to appear in court representing their respective parties remotely,

WHEREAS, the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, through the library and self-help center, provides information to the public through its websites and through telephone assistance on how to appear in court remotely,

WHEREAS, it has been mutually determined that it is in the best health and safety interest of court staff and court-goers not to travel, if at all possible, on Friday, January 23, 2026.

THEREFORE, it is ordered by the Chief Judge of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit that on Friday, January 23, 2026, the Kane County courthouses, including Aurora Branch Court, Elgin Branch Court, Juvenile Justice Center Court, Kane County Branch Court, Kane County Courthouse, and Kane County Judicial Center will be physically closed. Court staff will work from home where possible, and all scheduled court cases, and cases in first appearance court will be heard via Zoom if needed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Chief Judge that the Kane County Circuit Clerk’s Office, including all Circuit Clerk’s Office satellite locations, will be physically closed on January 23, 2026.

ENTERED this 21st day of January, 2026 and effective January 23, 2026


Robert K. Villa, Chief Judge