



Cook County Court Re-opening

What You Can Expect When Entering a County Building

As the County prepares to re-open, we have taken steps to help keep the public and our employees safe when using County facilities. Because of this, accessing our buildings will be a little different than before.

- ▶ If you are feeling ill with a fever, cough, chills, or any other COVID-19 symptoms, please use online services or come another day when you are feeling better.
- ▶ When coming to a County building, please be sure to wear a face covering. Face coverings are required to enter our buildings.
- ▶ Upon arrival, you will notice new signage and distinct areas for you to stand to enter the building. Please follow directions from signage or County personnel and maintain six feet of physical distancing as you begin moving into the building. Some entrances may now be closed. Signage will guide you to the appropriate entrance.
- ▶ Upon entering, you will complete a wellness screening and a thermal screening. The wellness screening is a short series of questions and the thermal screening takes a surface temperature screening on your forehead. These are done to keep you and others safe as we reopen our buildings. Please plan for extra time to move through the screening process.

Wellness Screening Questions

1. **COUGH?** Have you developed a NEW cough recently?
2. **FEVER?** Do you feel feverish or have chills?
3. **BREATHING?** Have you been experiencing NEW difficulty breathing or a shortness of breath?
4. **PAIN?** Are you experiencing NEW muscle aches?
5. **TASTE OR SMELL?** Have you noticed a NEW loss of taste or loss of smell recently?
6. **SORE THROAT?** Have you recently developed a NEW sore throat?
7. **TESTED POSITIVE?** Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 14 days?
8. **CLOSE CONTACT?** To the best of your knowledge, within the last 14 days, have you come into close contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

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- ▶ If you exhibit any COVID-19 related symptoms during the screening, you will be denied access to the building. You will be provided with a form explaining why you were denied so that you have documentation to provide to an employer or other parties.
- ▶ After the wellness and thermal screening area, please pay attention to signage and directions from County personnel as you move throughout the facility.
- ▶ To maintain physical distancing, there may be extended wait times at elevators, escalators, or entrances to offices and departments. Please allow for extra time on your visit.
- ▶ Due to the court rooms having limited seating capacity, please consider limiting the number of people accompanying you.

There will be frequent cleaning of the courthouse and restrooms.

We are excited to reopen our facilities and appreciate your patience with the new safety measures we have put in place.

