

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

GENERAL ORDER 20 - 11

*Attending Parenting Education
Programs for the duration of State of
Illinois Executive Order 2020-10
(Stay at home)*

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WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois on March 9, 2020 issued a Declaration of Disaster in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and the President of the United States of America on March 13, 2020 declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order 2020-10 directing, among other issues, that residents of the State of Illinois stay at home and observe appropriate social distancing; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Governor of the State of Illinois on April 1, 2020, in Executive Order 2020-18, extended the Declaration of Disaster for an additional 30 days through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-18 also extended the duration of Executive Order 2020-10 through April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the Health Departments of DeKalb and Kendall Counties have declared and recognized the existence of a public health emergency due to the spread of respiratory illness resulting from exposure to a novel coronavirus identified as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Rule 6.65, parties involved in a pending divorce proceeding in the Twenty-Third Judicial Circuit are required to attend a parenting education program, if the parties have children, before their divorce proceeding may be finalized, and the attendance requirement directs an in-person appearance and attendance at the class site; and

WHEREAS, during the existence of the Order of the Governor that residents of the State of Illinois stay at home during the Declaration of Disaster involving the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, there are viable alternatives to in-person attendance at parenting education programs;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

Until 30 days after the cessation of the Order of the Governor of the State of Illinois that residents stay at home and observe appropriate social distancing, parties in a divorce or family proceeding involving allocation of parental responsibilities, parenting time, or relocation may fulfill their obligation to personally attend a parenting education program pursuant to Local Rule 6.65 by attending one of the following online parenting classes, all of which comply with Supreme Court Rule 924.

DeKalb County Youth Service Bureau (4 hour program)

<https://dcysb.com/programs/>

The Center for Divorce Education

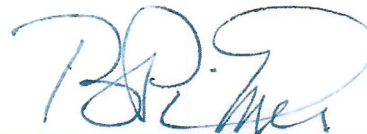
<https://www.divorce-education.com/il/>

DuPage County Family Center - Co-Parenting Course (for Divorcing Parents) or Parents and Kids Program (for Never Married Parents)

<https://www.dupageco.org/FamilyCenter/OnlineTraining/>

In addition to the foregoing online classes, parties may also take any other online parenting program approved by another Judicial Circuit in the State of Illinois. Parties remain responsible for paying any appropriate registration fees and are responsible for obtaining a certification of completion for their online attendance and filing the certificate with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Enter: April 9, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Pilmer", is written above a horizontal line.

Hon. Robert P. Pilmer
CHIEF JUDGE