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IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

GENERAL ORDER NO. 20 -1

WHEREAS, Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person.

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended that any large gathering of people be canceled or postponed.

WHEREAS, the Central Hearing Facility at 400 West Superior and the neighborhood facilities at 4445 North Pulaski and 2006 E. 95th Street conduct in person hearings which often result in large groups of people gathering in confined spaces.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that effective immediately and until further notice, the Department of Administrative Hearings will not take any adverse action against Respondents who do not appear on their assigned court dates. Continuance orders with new court dates will be mailed to Respondents.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, except for preliminary hearings to retrieve an impounded vehicle or other urgent matters, all hearings currently scheduled are canceled. These cases will be continued for a period of at least 60 days. Orders to this effect will be mailed to respondents.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, respondents who have previously be found in default will be allowed to file a Motion to Set Aside Default via email. Motions filed in this manner will be entered and continued for a period of at least 60 days by order of court. The department will publish the email address for filing motions on its web site.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that appropriate and adequate notice shall be given to all parties of new hearing dates, times and locations where applicable.

This order shall remain in effect, unless superseded by subsequent General Order of the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

ENTERED: Patricia Schenick

Chief Administrative Law Judge **March 16, 2020**