

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER DECLARING CERTAIN HOUSING/EVICTION
MATTERS NON-PUBLIC**

WHEREAS, in response to the Governor's Executive Order 20-14, suspending evictions and execution of writs of recovery beginning no later than March 24, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., the Chief Justice modified the March 20, 2020 order governing continuing operations of the state's district and appellate courts by clarifying in part that effective as of March 23, 2020, hearings shall be held in the courtroom on an emergency basis in housing/eviction matters when there is a showing of individual or public health or safety at risk, which includes eviction actions alleging a violation of Minnesota Statutes § 504B.171, subd. 1. The Chief Justice has authorized local standing orders to effectuate this directive.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. All residential housing/eviction matters newly filed after 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2020, shall be reviewed by a judge or judicial officer to determine if the case involves an emergency in which an individual or public health or safety risk exists or if the pleadings assert a violation of Minnesota Statutes § 504B.171, subd. 1.
2. If the judge or judicial officer determines that the case does not qualify for an emergency hearing, the matter shall not be accessible to the public and all case filings in said matter shall be designated confidential.
3. The confidentiality designations under this Administrative Order shall continue until such time as the Governor's Executive Order 20-14 and the Chief Justice's Emergency Order ADM 20-8001 (or any subsequent order amending or replacing these emergency orders) have lapsed, and new summons have issued to set the matters for a hearing. When any matter designated as confidential by this Order is set for hearing, the Court Administrator is directed to remove the confidentiality designation and to open the case and its documents to the public.

BY THE COURT:

Dated: March 31, 2020

Laurie J. Miller
Presiding Judge, Civil Division
Fourth Judicial District