

Expungement & Sealing After Filing a Petition

What happens now that I've filed for Expungement or Sealing?

Your hearing date will be determined after your petition is filed.

Make sure you are available to attend your hearing once you know the date. You may attend your hearing in person or by Zoom.

Make sure you monitor your email and U.S. Mail for notices from the court about your hearing (location and login information). Attend your hearing.

If your petition is resolved the same day and you attend in person, you will receive a signed Order from the judge granting or denying your petition. If you attended by Zoom, you will receive an emailed copy of the signed Order within 2 weeks following your hearing. If you did not provide an email address on your petition the Court will mail your Order to the address provided on your petition.

If your petition was granted within 60 days after your hearing, you will receive a letter of compliance from the Chicago Police Department and Illinois State Police indicating that they have received the court order that expunges or seals your record and they have complied with the Order by expunging or sealing your records.

If your petition is not granted you may eventually refile. You can also consider alternative forms of relief like waivers and certificates while you wait to refile (see page 4).