

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
JUVENILE DIVISION
CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO

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CLINTON COUNTY, OHIO
CASE NO. 20206007

IN RE: CLINTON COUNTY COURT
OF COMMON PLEAS UNDER
EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES
CREATED BY COVID-19

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

Judge Chad L. Carey of the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division, does hereby make the following Findings of Fact and Administrative Order:

On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order 2020-01D "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.

On March 16, 2020, the Clinton County Commissioners issued a resolution declaring a State of Emergency in Clinton County.

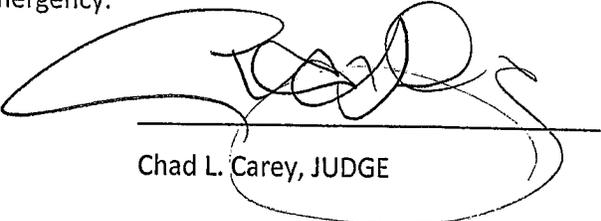
Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Juvenile Court will develop a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates or increases in size and scope. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to Protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Courts.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Emergency hearings and any hearing deemed time sensitive by the individual Judge or Magistrate will be held as scheduled.
 - a. Video or teleconference may be implemented in the discretion of the Judge or Magistrate.
2. All pending or currently scheduled non-time sensitive hearings shall be considered for continuance if a Motion to Continue is filed with the Court. The COVID-19 shall be considered good cause for the continuance.
 - a. Said Motion may be filed by email or fax. Please contact the Court at 937-382-2391 for an email address or file by fax at 937-383-0823.
 - b. Filing party must include in the Motion the reason for the continuance, a current mailing address, a working email address, a fax number and an active phone number.

1. If a continuance is granted the presiding Judge or Magistrate will announce on record the new date and time during the original scheduled hearing to maintain service.
3. In the event that the party has an active warrant and is turned away from the jail to prevent the spread of the virus:
 - a. Said party is to report to the Juvenile Clerk of Courts Office before the close of business that day or if after office hours they shall report by 12:00 p.m. (noon) the next business day. The Clerk will personally serve them a new court date and then and only then will said warrant vacate.
4. Parties scheduled for a cost review may pay the balance due by credit card. Please contact the office at 937-382-2391 during business hours to make the payment. If the balance is paid in full the scheduled hearing will be vacated.
5. Parties should refrain from bringing extra people to the Courthouse for Court hearings.
 - a. Only the parties of the case will be permitted in the Courtroom. This shall include a juvenile's parent or guardian, attorney, prosecutor, probation officer, GAL/CASA; Children Services or any other agency involved. No other family members shall be permitted unless approved prior to the hearing.
6. The notaries in the Juvenile Clerk's Office will not notarize paperwork for the general public during this time of emergency. This is to help keep the number of people in the office at one time under the current advisement of 10 people.
7. The following information will be implemented in the Juvenile Court Services Office.
 - a. Juvenile Court Services are suspending all non-essential in-person contacts, such as youth & parent office visits, community service, mediations and diversion meetings. Youth and/or parents are being contacted and advised to call the office in lieu of coming in person.
 - b. All emergency situations will be handled on a case by case basis. After hours protocols remain the same and will be handled thru the on-call probation officer.
8. The Court will have the lawful authority, within constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

It is so ORDERED.



Chad L. Carey, JUDGE