

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO**

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) ) JUDGE DAVID M. ONDREY  
HEALTH CRISIS )  
) **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
) [HEALTH CRISIS 2020-4]  
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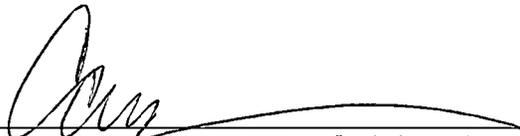
This Administrative Order constitutes a Supplement to Administrative Order 2020-3, filed March 13, 2020. As recommended by the Ohio Supreme Court, until further notice:

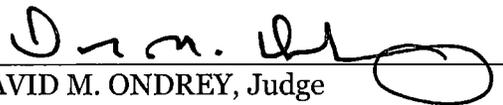
1. The local rules of this court may be temporarily adapted to allow court flexibility, within constitutional limits, in response to the State of Emergency declared by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on March 9, 2020 through Executive Order 2020-01D.
2. The court's security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
3. The court's, and county's (to the extent that it affects court employees) employee handbook and human resource provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
4. The court authorizes the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.
5. The State of Emergency may be considered to be a finding of "just cause" for continuances deemed necessary by assigned judges on a case-by-case basis.
6. 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 State of Emergency.
7. Judicial and clerk's staff, attorneys, witnesses, jurors, and security personnel who exhibit signs of illness shall notify their employing or reporting authority by telephone or email and shall not come into the courthouse or report for duty unless specifically instructed to do so by employing or reporting authority. Any person employed in the courthouse may be subject

to health screening or testing, if testing is available, and exclusion from admission based upon the result or such screening or testing.

8. Employees of the court not on duty in the courthouse shall work, to the extent possible, remotely, and in accordance with the directives of their hiring authority. All judicial employees are deemed essential, even if working remotely from home, and shall be paid their regular salaries.
9. Only counsel for all parties, the parties, witnesses, Probation officials, and, where relevant, victims, shall be permitted in the courtrooms, unless otherwise permitted by the Judge or Magistrate.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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CAROLYN J. PASCHKE, Administrative Judge

  
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DAVID M. ONDREY, Judge

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