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IN RE: ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

On March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Ohio signed Executive Order 2020-01D declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. 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.

Wherefore, 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 Court, the following **IS HEREBY ORDERED**:

1. Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. Court security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
3. Employee handbook provisions may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
4. Use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings is authorized.
5. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of good cause for continuances deemed necessary 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 public health emergency.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JUDGE MARISA L. CORNACHIO

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