

**COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY , OHIO**

**MAY 28 2020**

CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
CLERK OF COURTS

**In Re:  
ORDER REGARDING CONTINUITY OF  
JUDICIAL OPERATIONS**

**JOURNAL ENTRY**

The Judges of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division make the following findings of fact:

In order to be consistent with the federal and state declarations of emergency due to the Covid-19 pandemic:

The Court's operations continue to be impacted by the need to protect the health of the employees, the community and their respective families, and the need to support the community efforts to control the spread of the virus remains the goal of the Court.

**THEREFORE , IT IS ORDERED :**

- 1) All prior orders are hereby incorporated within.
- 2) The local rules of the Court for the Domestic Relations Division may be temporarily adapted to allow the Court flexibility, within constitutional limits, to respond to the public health emergency.
- 3) The Court's security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential court functions.
- 4) The Court authorizes the use of audio-visual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.
- 5) The Court shall resume functions as Phase One, Phase Two and Phase Three:  
Phase One includes: the continuation of audio and videoconferencing for hearings, appointments and activities except when remote participation is impossible or when due process/integrity of the proceedings could be compromised ; the limitation of the number of people in a courtroom or hearing room; the staggering of visitor arrivals and departures for hearings and appointments ; the enforcement of social distancing; the on-going accommodation for vulnerable populations; and the use of designated courtrooms for in-person hearings;

Phase Two includes: the minimal relaxation of restrictions based on metrics showing there has been no increase of exposure or positive testing for COVID- 19 in population;

The duration of Phase One and Phase Two are to be determined;

Phase Three includes: the removal of restrictions and increased access to this building.

- 6) Any contested trial set before a Judge or Magistrate shall proceed within these guidelines. Contact the Judge's office or Magistrate's assigned scheduler noted on the Court's website to obtain further orders and/or directions regarding a case set before the Judge or Magistrate.
- 7) 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.
- 8) All individuals, including Court Judicial Officers and personnel, desiring to enter the courthouse will be subject to available health screening or testing and excluded from admission based upon the results of such screening or testing.
- 9) Based on the recommendation from Responsible Restart Ohio, all individuals entering the courthouse must wear a face covering while they are in the courthouse and maintain good hygiene, including hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing.
- 10) The period of Phase One will commence on June 1, 2020 until further order of this Court.


This order shall be served upon the Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas General Division, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff and the Cuyahoga County Executive, will be published on the website of the Court and will be provided to the media and the CMBA to be disseminated to the local bar.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
5.27.20  
JUDGE LESLIE ANN CELEBREZZE  
ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE

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CLERK OF COURTS  
By:  Deputy

The State of Ohio }  
Cuyahoga County } I, The Clerk of the Court  
SS. Of Common Pleas within  
And for said County

Hereby certify that the above and foregoing is truly  
Taken and copied from the original JE

Now on file in my office  
Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 28th  
Day of May A.D. 2020  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS

By , Deputy