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

IN THE MATTER OF:

GENERAL ORDERS FOR THE CONTINUED OPERATION OF THE PIKE COUNTY JUVENILE COURT



March 23, 2020 COVID-19

Administrative Order 2020-001

GENERAL ORDERS

This Court issues these General Orders in response to the recent outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Due to the confirmed cases of COVID-19, the Governor of the State of Ohio, Mike DeWine, has declared a State of Emergency and issued a "Stay at Home" order.

Given the severity of risk posed to the public, the mandate by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Governor's declaration, the Court issues the following orders, until further notice:

- 1. The hours of the Juvenile court shall be Monday and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch from noon to 1:00 p.m. During hours of operation, the Juvenile court shall be closed to the public for non-emergency matters. Any person requiring the services of the Juvenile court shall contact the court by telephone or by email.
- 2. All non-emergency and non-essential hearings currently scheduled on the court's docket during the period that the "Stay at Home" order is in effect shall be continued to a later date.
- 3. Emergency filings, including children services cases, will proceed as statutorily or procedurally required.

- 4. Filings will be accepted via FAX at (740) 941-3086 or by email at weeter2008@yahoo.com. This does not apply to original case filings. Original case filings shall be submitted by private delivery or by mail.
- 5. Forms for most juvenile cases are available at www.pikecountypjcourt.com.
 Parties are encouraged to use the forms and return the forms to the Court via mail, email or fax. Parties are encouraged to delay filings that do not constitute an emergency or are not required by Ohio law.
- 6. The Pike County Juvenile Court will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and any further orders that may be issued by the Governor or CDC and make further orders as it deems necessary for the safety of the public and the administration of justice.

Further, it is the intention of the Court to remain in operation to perform its essential functions. The General Orders herein are meant to discourage anyone from personally appearing in the offices of the Pike County Juvenile Court unless absolutely necessary.

cc: Pike County Bar Association Pike County Prosecutor

Pike County Board of Commissioners

Supreme Court of Ohio

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ROBERT N. ROSENBERGER JUVENILE JUDGE