

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

PORTAGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE DIVISION FILED

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STATE OF OHIO )  
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COUNTY OF PORTAGE )

COMMON PLEAS COURT  
JUVENILE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF:

EMERGENCY ORDER  
DURING PANDEMIC FOR  
ABUSE, NEGLECT AND DEPENDENCY CASES

JOURNAL ENTRY  
ORDER OF REFERENCE  
CASE NO.:

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The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared to be a Pandemic by the World Health Organization. The President of the United States has declared a National Emergency as a result of the Pandemic. Governor DeWine has declared a State of Emergency for Ohio and the Ohio Department of Youth Services, the Ohio Department of Health and Portage County Department of Health have issued certain guidelines. The Portage County Juvenile Court in order to keep the Court Open and protect the health, safety and welfare of its staff and the citizens it serves makes the following Emergency Order which shall remain in effect from 8:00 a.m., March 25, 2020 until further Order of the Court:

- 1.) **DURING THE PANDEMIC**, in all Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency cases, Adjudicatory Hearings may be scheduled 60 days, after the removal of a child or the filing of a complaint, whichever occurs first. The Pandemic is "good cause" for setting the Adjudicatory Hearing beyond 30 days under Ohio Revised Code 2151.23 (A)(1), Ohio Revised Code 2151.28 (A)(2) and Juvenile Rule 29(A);
- 2.) **DURING THE PANDEMIC**, if a parent-party consents, that party may enter into a stipulated and agreed entry and avoid appearing at the Disposition or Dispositional Review Hearing if the language contained in Exhibit A attached and incorporated herein, is included in the Dispositional Entry or attached to the Entry;
- 3.) **DURING THE PANDEMIC**, the Court may schedule the Adjudicatory Hearing and the Dispositional Hearing on the same day or on the day following the Adjudicatory Hearing.

IT IS SO ORDERED

March 25, 2020  
March 25, 2020

Robert W. Berger  
ROBERT W. BERGER, JUDGE  
ADMINISTRATIVE AND PRESIDING JUDGE

**PCDJFS DISPOSITION HEARING**  
**STIPULATION FORM**

IN RE: \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Mother/Father) of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (child/ren's name and dob) understand the reason for the  
disposition hearing. Further after consultation with my attorney, \_\_\_\_\_:

- a.) I voluntarily stipulate as to the Disposition Order attached;
- b.) I consider the Disposition Order to be in my child/ren's \_\_\_\_\_  
best interest presently;
- c.) I wish for the Court to accept my stipulation and cause my stipulation to be the Court's Order.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date