

## IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS JUVENILE DIVISION SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO



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IN RE:	COVID-19	)	CASE NO:	MS 20-04- 027 LINDA TUCCI TEODOSIO JUDGE
		)	JUDGE LIN	DA TUCCI TEODOSIO
		)	<u>ORDER</u>	

The Court issues the following Orders in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. These orders replace and supersede all prior orders issues in response to the pandemic.

- 1. Regular Court Hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
- 2. Attorneys who have been appointed as Guardian ad Litem for a child are to continue their contact via electronic means. Home visits should be suspended with the exception of an emergency.
- 3. Through May 1, 2020, the Following Court Hearings shall proceed in the ordinary course. Hearings shall be held electronically whenever possible.
  - a. Shelter Care Hearings
  - b. Detention Hearings
  - c. Requests for Protection Orders.
  - d. Reviews for Youth in residential facilities, correctional facilities or foster care for the purpose of releasing them to a parent, guardian or legal custodian
  - e. Any other matter where a written request for an immediate hearing is requested and granted by the Judge or a Magistrate
  - 4. The Following hearings set through May 1, 2020 will be continued to a later date, held electronically or by written reports by the parties:
    - a. Adjudications and Dispositions
    - b. Probation and Parole Reviews
    - c. Reviews for youth in residential placement
    - d. Preliminary Hearings
    - e. DN and DL Review Hearings
    - f. Citizens Review Board
    - g. Probation Violation or Parole Violation Preliminary Hearings where there is not a community safety concern
    - h. BHJJ and CBT Reviews
    - i. All hearings not specifically enumerated in item 3.
  - 5. Unless otherwise ordered, beginning May 4, 2020, the Following hearings will be held electronically. If there is an Objection to an electronic hearing, the Court may grant a continuance for good cause shown. The inability of a party or witness to participate electronically will be deemed good cause for a continuance.
    - a. Adjudications and Dispositions

- b. Probation and Parole Reviews
- c. Reviews for youth in residential placement
- d. Preliminary Hearings
- e. DN and DL Review Hearings
- f. Citizens Review Board
- g. Probation Violation or Parole Violation Preliminary Hearings where there is not a community safety concern
- h. BHJJ and CBT Reviews
- i. All other hearings not specifically enumerated in item 3.
- 6. Initial delinquency, unruly and traffic hearings, other than detention hearings, shall be held by telephone beginning May 1, 2020. Instructions regarding these appearances will be mailed to the parties.
- 7. All in-person Court group programs are suspended until further notice. Parties will be notified by mail if these programs are rescheduled via electronic means.
- 8. Unless the hearing is required to be an open hearing (Bindover or SYO), the number of individuals attending hearings will be limited to the parties, their lawyers, the child's parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s), witnesses, victims and foster parents. Others may attend the hearings only with the approval of the Judicial Officer. In no event will more than ten (10) people be permitted in the Courtroom at a time.
- 9. Parties and Attorneys are urged to file via fax or mail whenever possible.
- 10. Court Orders relating to supervised visitation at the Family Interaction Center (FIC) are stayed. Visitation shall continue subject to the ability of Summit County Children Services to operate and/or staff the FIC.
- 11. With the exception of the time within which an Objection to a Magistrate's Decision or Motion to Set Aside a Magistrate's Order is to be filed or the time during which an Objection may be filed to a case plan amendment filed by Summit County Children Services (SCCS), all time provisions of the Local Rules of the Summit County Juvenile Court that are set to expire between March 9, 2020 through July 30, 2020 are tolled until July 30, 2020 or until the Governor's the period of emergency ends, whichever occurs sooner. This tolling provision shall expire contemporaneously with the tolling Order issued by the Ohio Supreme Court on March 27, 2020. For those cases for which the time within an Objection to Magistrate's Decision, a motion to Set Aside a Magistrate's Order or Object to an Amendment of A SCCS case plan expired between March 9, 2020 and the date of this order, leave is hereby granted to file the same within ten (10) days from the date of this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

JUDGE LINDA TUCCI TEODOSIO