

STATE OF OHIO COURT OF COMMON PLEAS IN THE COMMON PLEAS COURT
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA JUVENILE COURT DIVISION COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA JUVENILE COURT DIVISION
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ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This matter came on for consideration on this 25th day of June 2020, to detail the Court's efforts to keep parties and staff safe while conducting judicial hearings, as well as to modify the Court's prior Administrative Order of June 12, 2020, journalized in Vol.142, at page 305.

THEREFORE, the Court makes the following finding of fact:

Consistent with the guidance provided by the Supreme Court of Ohio, equal access to justice has been, and continues to be of paramount importance to the Court. Increasing access to the Court in a safe manner promotes accountability and increases the public's access to justice.

To allow for safe access to the Court during this global pandemic, the Court has taken numerous actions. Those actions have included:

- Equipping courtrooms with Plexiglass partitions;
- Providing personal protective equipment (PPE) for all staff;
- Providing PPE for all members of the public;
- Marked area's to clearly indicate social distancing boundaries;
- Undertaken methods to allow for safe ingress and egress from the building by staff, as well as the public;
- Increased the number of entrances to the Courthouse to reduce human to human contact;
- Positioned health screeners at the entrances of the Courthouse. The health screeners ask pandemic related questions to ensure Court staff, and the public are not symptomatic, or at high risk of asymptotically transmitting the virus. The health screeners also take the body temperature of all staff members, and the public before gaining access to the main Courthouse.

THEREFORE, the Court makes the following modification of its June 12, 2020 order:

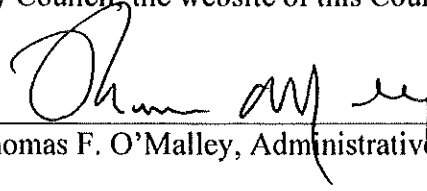
The Court is open with restrictions. A jurist may conduct in person essential hearing provided that:

- The Courtroom conducting the hearing is equipped with plexiglass partitions;
- Proper PPE is continuously worn by Court personnel, as well as the public;
- Social distancing is observed;
- Courtroom staff sanitizes the courtroom following every hearing.

An essential hearing is to be defined by each jurist using their professional judgement, and innkeeping with previous guidance provided by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

This order shall be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Conference, Cuyahoga County Clerk of Courts, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office, Cuyahoga County Criminal Defense Lawyer's Association, Cuyahoga County Sheriff, Cuyahoga County Board of Health,

Cuyahoga County Executive, Cuyahoga County Council, the website of this Court, and distributed to the media.



Thomas F. O'Malley, Administrative Judge

6-25-20

Date

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