

IN THE VANDALIA MUNICIPAL COURT

IN THE MATTER OF:

**COVID-19 TEMPORARY
EMERGENCY RESPONSE
TO PANDEMIC**

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
AND ENTRY**

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This Administrative Entry and Order, amended April 28, 2020, is made upon this Court's own motion, and for good cause shown, in the interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the general public, and of this Court's employees. Administrative Judge Cynthia M. Heck, makes the following Findings of Fact:

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Ohio issued Executive Order 2020-01D and declared a state of emergency in Ohio in response to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization publicly characterized COVID-19 as a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has recommended that Americans practice 6' social distancing and wear cloth face coverings (masks) in public to help slow the spread of COVID-19. That recommendation was made based on studies that show a significant proportion of people with COVID-19 lack symptoms and can transmit the virus to others in close proximity, through speaking, coughing, sneezing, or other means.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court is resuming its normal business schedule on May 4, 2020 under the following conditions:

1. Every person entering the building will be required to wear a face mask or facial covering. Said face mask or facial covering shall be worn at all times;
2. Every person entering the building shall practice social distancing by maintaining a 6' social distance;
3. Only individuals with court business will be permitted to enter the building, included, but not limited to Plaintiffs, Defendants, Witnesses, Victims, Attorneys and delivery persons;
4. No one exhibiting signs of illness, flu-like symptoms, temperature, etc. will be granted access to the courthouse.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is effective May 1, 2020 and shall remain in effect under further Order of this Court and that this Order supersede any and all previous Orders regarding COVID-19.

IT IS SO ORDERED:


JUDGE CYNTHIA M. HECK