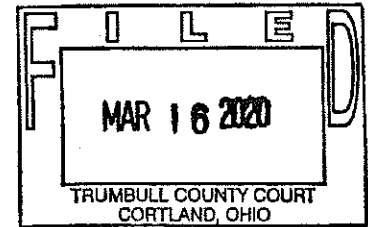


TRUMBULL COUNTY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT
CORTLAND, OHIO



In re:) JUDGE THOMAS A. CAMPBELL
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Coronavirus Court Protocols) SPECIAL COURT PROTOCOLS

In the current situation of heighten fear of the Coronavirus, a number of people have requested this court dramatically alter its operations, up to the proposition of closing the court. Such dramatic actions are simply not tenable. A rational and functioning society demands ready access to the criminal and civil justice system, which access cannot be denied or unreasonably delayed – “Justice Delayed Is Justice Denied.”

Nevertheless, to address both the rational concerns of spread of disease and the fear pervading our society, but without adding to the hysteria, this court is making some accommodations as set forth below.

Scheduling. Criminal & traffic hearings (currently set at 3 every 15 minutes) will henceforth be scheduled at the rate of 1 every 15 minutes. This should help reduce the number of persons present at any given time awaiting their hearings, thereby reducing unnecessary opportunities for contact and disease spread.

Phone appearances for some hearings. Notations will be placed on all civil pretrial notices advising parties of the option to appear by phone rather than in person. Again, reducing unnecessary contact.

Waivers. Expansion of waivers for minor misdemeanor traffic citations for all but those involving crashes. This would eliminate many court appearances all together, and certainly help minimize some unnecessary exposure to crowds.

Cleaning. Daily cleaning/sanitizing regimen to be performed by court staff.

Court personnel and signs will encourage the public to exercise “social distancing” while at the court, by recommending that people sit and stand at a distance from each other – optimum distance being 6 feet.

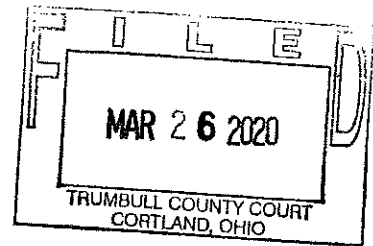
Signs will be posted at the courthouse entrance discouraging non-essential persons (friends, spouses, children, etc.) from unnecessarily attending court proceedings.

The Clerk will cause all court employees to have their temperature tested daily. Any employee with an elevated temperature will be immediately excused from work and leave the courthouse to pursue appropriate medical treatment.

DATED: March 16, 2020


Thomas A. Campbell, Judge

TRUMBULL COUNTY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT
CORTLAND, OHIO



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JUDGE THOMAS A. CAMPBELL

SPECIAL COURT PROTOCOLS

In furtherance of this Court's Special Court Protocols Order of March 16, 2020, and subsequent to the Trumbull County Commissioners' Notice closing most all County Office of this date due to the discovery of a County Maintenance employee displaying symptoms consistent with the Coronavirus, this Court finds it appropriate to:

release all Court employees, retaining only a minimum staff sufficient to address any essential or time-sensitive functions, currently the chief clerk, a security officer and the judge; and

to continue all arraignments and other cases scheduled to come on before the court on March 27, 2020.

To the extent possible, the clerk will attempt to notify the necessary parties of the continuance of their cases. Otherwise, the security officer will notify those parties when they arrive at the court.

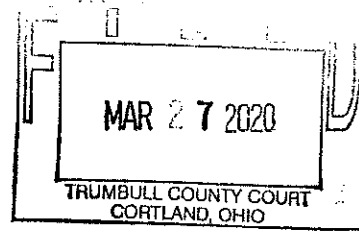
Likewise, the security officer will, until further notice, intercede with all parties attempting to enter the court and inquire as to their purpose. Excepting only in the most essential of cases, the security officer will inform those parties that the court was limiting its services to essential and time-sensitive matters. If the security officer is in doubt as to whether any party's purpose fits within such categories, he shall consult with the clerk or the judge.

This order remains in effect until further order.

DATED: March 26, 2020


Thomas A. Campbell, Judge

TRUMBULL COUNTY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT
CORTLAND, OHIO



In re:

Coronavirus Court Protocols

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JUDGE THOMAS A. CAMPBELL

SPECIAL COURT PROTOCOLS

In furtherance of this Court's Special Court Protocols Orders of March 16, 2020 and March 26, 2020, and for good cause shown, for the period through March 31, 2020:

1. The court will retain only a minimum staff sufficient to address any essential or time-sensitive functions; and
2. Hereby orders the continuance of all other arraignments and other cases scheduled to come on before the court on March 30, 2020.

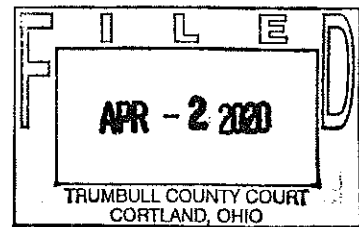
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This order remains in effect until further order.

DATED: March 27, 2020


Thomas A. Campbell, Judge



TRUMBULL COUNTY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT
CORTLAND, OHIO

In re:) JUDGE THOMAS A. CAMPBELL
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Coronavirus Court Protocols) SPECIAL COURT PROTOCOLS

In furtherance of this Court's Special Court Protocols Orders dating back to March 16, 2020 and for good cause (including information of a Public Defender who has worked extensively at this court now has some but not all the symptoms consistent with Covid-19, though that diagnosis is not yet confirmed) out of an abundance of caution, the court is extending its limited operations protocol, and will primarily address essential and time sensitive services until April 17, 2020.


In furtherance of this order:

1. the court will maintain minimum staff of not more than two (2) clerks, one (1) security officer (employees will work on a rotating basis), and the judge;
2. all other employees will be available by phone during regular business hours to answer questions, or to be summoned to the court should the need arise;
3. all trials and hearings already scheduled to proceed on April 3, 2020, are ordered continued and reset to a later date;
4. all contested proceedings, including pretrials, preliminary hearings, trials, probation violation hearings, suppression hearings, etc., currently scheduled to proceed on April 6, 2020 and April 8, 2020, are ordered continued and rescheduled;
5. the clerk and judge, on an on-going basis, will review all scheduled contested proceedings on subsequent dates to determine which can reasonably be continued;
6. to the extent possible, the clerk will attempt to notify the necessary parties of the continuance of their cases; otherwise, the security officer will notify those parties when they arrive at the court;
7. the clerks will discontinue scheduling weddings at the court;
8. all persons attempting to enter the court will be required to submit to having their temperature taken by the court security officer;
9. court staff will wear surgical gloves at all times while at the court;
10. all court employees not present on site will nevertheless report their temperature to the clerk on site for recording separate from those on site; and
11. the clerk will advise all law enforcement agencies relevant to this court that (excepting only crimes of violence, threats of violence, felonies, OVIs or other instances where the officer deems an earlier appearance necessary) they shall indicate appearance dates of not sooner than April 20, 2020 on all citations and summons.

To the extent that they are not inconsistent with this order, all prior Special Court Protocol orders dating back to March 16, 2020 remain effective.

This order remains in effect until further order.

DATED: April 2, 2020


Thomas A. Campbell, Judge