

## **ALLIANCE MUNICIPAL COURT**

### **COVID-19 RESPONSE PROCEDURES**

Effective March 16, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 threat, the Alliance Municipal Court has announced the following procedures shall take effect. These procedures shall remain in effect until March 31, 2020, or until further orders of the Court:

#### **VISITORS, WITNESSES, DEFENDANTS, JURORS WITH SYMPTOMS**

Any person who is scheduled for court appearance as a defendant, witness or juror, or any person visiting court, and who currently is suffering from dry persistent cough, fever or shortness of breath is directed to contact a physician to report these symptoms. You are instructed not to come to Court, but to make contact via phone with the Court as indicated below.

**WITNESSES AND DEFENDANTS.** A person with symptoms should immediately contact their legal counsel, if so represented, and request a continuance of any scheduled hearing which may fall during the time frame identified above. A person who demonstrates symptoms identified above should call the Court at 330-823-6181 if not represented by counsel. If the person is a witness pursuant to subpoena, the person should contact the Court at 330-823-6181 and the party who issued the subpoena.

**ALL JURORS.** Please be advised that all jury trials for March have been postponed to a later date. Jury service for March is now completed and jurors do not need to call in for further instructions. Thank you for your service.

**VISITORS.** The Court is closed to visitors or persons who do not have business with, or need of, court services.

### **NON-ESSENTIAL HEARINGS**

Certain hearings for review of compliance with counseling (i.e. SEG, ANGER MANAGEMENT, TASC COMMQUEST) or 2947.14 (fines and costs reviews) are cancelled and reset for later dates. Please check with your attorney or review your case docket online at **www.starkcjis.org**. The Court will also send you further notice of your new hearing date via mail at your address on file in the Clerk's Office.

### **NEW TRAFFIC ARRAIGNMENTS**

All new traffic arraignments are cancelled and reset for later dates. The Court will advise you in writing of your new arraignment date via mail at your address on file in the Clerk's Office.

All persons who have received new traffic tickets are reminded of the online access to pay tickets through the Waiver Bureau without need for personal appearance. Even if your ticket was previously marked as "appearance required", please contact the Clerk's office to determine if the ticket may now be subject to payment through the Waiver Bureau.

### **NEW NON-VIOLENT MISDEMEANOR ARRAIGNMENTS**

All new non-violent misdemeanor arraignments are cancelled and reset for later dates. The Court will advise you in writing of your new arraignment date via mail at your address on file in the Clerk's Office.

**NEW VIOLENT MISDEMEANOR and ALL FELONY ARRAIGNMENTS**

All new violent misdemeanor and all new felony arraignments shall proceed as scheduled.

**MISDEMEANOR PRETRIALS and FELONY PRELIMINARY HEARINGS**

Misdemeanor pretrials and felony preliminary hearings will proceed as scheduled, unless otherwise postponed by the Court.

**CIVIL HEARINGS**

Civil hearings and evictions will proceed as currently scheduled, with the exception of small claims cases. Attorneys may petition the Court for leave to appear via phone, as is the current practice. All small claims cases will be cancelled and reset to a later date.

On behalf of the Alliance Municipal Court, we thank all of our constituents for your patience, cooperation and understanding.

So ordered.

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Hon. Andrew L. Zumbar  
March 16, 2020.