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IN THE LIMA MUNICIPAL COURT, LIMA, ALLEN COUNTY, OHIO

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IN THE MATTER OF:		CASE NUMBER 21MISC00003
ORDER ON JURY TRIAL PROCEDURES)	Effective June 2, 2021
DURING CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY		

During the COVID19 emergency the following procedures will be used for Jury Trials:

- For Jury Trials scheduled in Courtroom #1, there will be 22 jurors summoned.
- For Jury Trials scheduled in Courtroom #2, there will be 22 jurors summoned.
- Jurors will be seated in the jury box, 4 per each row with the alternate seated at the end of the first pew. All other jurors will be seated in the gallery, 2 per each pew, to maintain proper social distancing. See attached diagrams.
- Space may be reserved, upon prior approval by the Court, in the Gallery to allow space for those who wish to attend.
- Jury deliberations shall be conducted in the Courtroom.
- Counsel may be required to remain at their table during voir dire, questioning of witnesses and giving opening and closing arguments.
- Jurors, Counsel, Defendant and witnesses shall wear surgical masks if unvaccinated unless they suffer from a precluding documented medical condition. All others may wear a mask. Surgical masks will be provided by the Court.
- Sanitizing stations or individual hand sanitizing bottles will be provided.
- High contact surfaces will be regularly disinfected during proceedings.
- Defendant shall be required to lower or remove the mask if requested for purposes of witness identification.
- Counsel and witnesses may lower or remove masks when speaking so that an accurate recording
 of the record may be made.
- State's witnesses will be seated in the law library. Defense witnesses will be seated in the jury pretrial room and /or the attorney client conference room.

This Order shall remain in effect until modified by the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

David A. Rodabaugh

Presiding and Administrative Judge

Tammie K. Hursh

Judge

