



Franklin County Common Pleas Court
General, Domestic Relations/Juvenile, and Probate Divisions

Franklin County Municipal Court

PRESS RELEASE

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Court Operations

The Administrative Judges of the Franklin County Common Pleas Court - General, Domestic Relations/Juvenile and Probate Divisions and the Franklin County Municipal Court met Thursday, March 12, 2020, to discuss their respective Court's ongoing response to COVID-19. The Judges discussed several actions.

All Courts will remain open to the public and provide all essential services. However, to protect the public health, citizens are discouraged from visiting the Franklin County Court Complex for matters that are not essential or time sensitive.

The Judges have agreed to continue to a future date all civil and criminal matters, *depending upon the specific Court*, scheduled for a jury trial, hearing, or disposition during March 16, 2020, through April 10, 2020. The Judges and their staff will conduct as many pre-trial conferences via telecommunication as possible. Case-by-case exceptions to continuances may be ordered at the discretion of each Court. Further, the Courts are not limited in the ability to rule on motions. Electronic filing continues to be available.

To obtain information about the operations of a specific court, please refer to the following web sites:

Common Pleas General Division <http://www.fccourts.org>
Common Pleas Domestic Relations/Juvenile Divisions <https://drj.fccourts.org/>
Common Pleas Probate Court <https://probate.franklincountyohio.gov/>
Franklin County Municipal Court <http://www.fcmcclerk.com/>

The Common Pleas and Municipal Clerk's offices will remain open.

For **Common Pleas** jurors, beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, citizens summoned for Common Pleas jury duty should not report, as jury service is cancelled through April 10, 2020. For **Municipal Court** jurors, those summoned for March 16, 2020, are still required to report for jury duty. Municipal Court will provide further information regarding subsequent weeks.

The Judges will re-evaluate on Monday, April 6, 2020, to determine whether the suspension will be extended beyond April 10, 2020.

The Courts will continue to provide updates as necessary.

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