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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

**TEMPORARY ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19  
(CORONAVIRUS) PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS**

The Domestic Relations Division of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01 "Declaring a State of Emergency" in response to the growing COVID-19 public health crisis.
2. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared COVID-19 to be a global "pandemic" requiring "urgent and aggressive action" to control the spread of the virus.
3. On March 11, 2020, the first "community transfer" positive case of COVID-19 in the State of Ohio was confirmed to be in Stark County.
4. As of March 16, 2020, there are at least 37 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Cuyahoga County.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Domestic Relations Division of the Court of Common Pleas has developed a continuum of flexible responses in case the public health crisis escalates further. The continuum of responses is intended to protect public health, to maintain essential court functions, and to continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:**

1. The Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Local Rules of Court may be temporarily adapted to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. The Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations security policies may be temporarily amended or supplemented to protect public health while maintaining essential Court functions. Specifically, beginning March 17, 2020, and until further order of this Court, the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department shall only permit Domestic Relations Court employees and individuals whose names are provided to the Sheriff's Department and Protective Services entrances to the Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court.
3. The provisions of the Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court Employee Handbook may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential Court operations and functions.
4. The Cuyahoga County Domestic Relations Court authorizes the use of audiovisual devices and technology, as well as telephonic technologies, for all actions and proceedings.


5. The public health emergency may be considered to be a finding of "good cause" for continuances deemed necessary by assigned Judges or magistrates n a case-by-case basis.
6. The court will have the lawful authority, within Constitutional limits, to do and direct to be done all thing necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice for the duration of the declared public health emergency.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3.16.2020


  
**JUDGE LESLIE ANN CELEBREZZE**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE**

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The State of Ohio }  
 Cuyahoga County } I, The Clerk of the Court  
 ss. Of Common Pleas within  
 And for said County

Hereby certify that the above and foregoing is truly  
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Now on file in my office  
 Witness my hand and seal of said Court this 16th  
 Day of March A.D. 2020  
 CUYAHOGA COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS  
 By , Deputy