

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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Toledo Municipal Court

## **TOLEDO MUNICIPAL COURT TO CONTINUE LIMITED OPERATIONS WITH REDUCED STAFF**

Toledo Municipal Court issued an order on Sunday, March 15 declaring a temporary judicial emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Under this temporary judicial emergency, judges have limited the operations of the court. Starting Thursday, March 19, non-required staff will not be required to report, but will be available if necessary for staffing. When fully staffed, there are 97 Judges' Division employees. There are 44 required staff positions that will continue to report to sustain the court's limited operations.

In an email to staff today, Judge William M. Connelly noted: "Whenever I have the opportunity to speak publicly I always brag about Toledo Municipal Court employees individually and collectively....It has been a blessing to work with extraordinary people."

Individuals who wish to file civil actions can do so via fax, mail or e-filing. Individuals who wish to make a payment on fines, fees or costs may do so via telephone or online. The court has granted an additional ninety days for all monies due between March 11, 2020 and June 1, 2020.

At this time, the Court is open to those seeking to resolve active warrants and all arraignment proceedings except traffic. The following cases types will still be heard as scheduled: Domestic Violence, Assault, Child Endangering, Child Enticement, Aggravated Menacing, Unlawful Restraint, Menacing, Violations of TPO, Telephone Harassment, Vehicular Homicide and any attempt, complicity or conspiracy to commit any of the forgoing offenses. Any Sexually Oriented Offenses, including Attempted Importuning, Sexual Imposition, Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor, and Voyeurism, Attempted Illegal use of a Minor in Nudity Oriented Material or Performance, Attempted Child Enticement with Sexual Motivation, Attempted Pandering Obscenity, Menacing by Stalking with Sexual Motivation, Unlawful Restraint with Sexual Motivation, and any attempt, complicity or conspiracy to commit any of the forgoing offenses.

Entry on these matters is limited to the defendant, attorney, victim and subpoenaed witnesses.

Housing Court will continue to schedule and conduct rent escrow and temporary restraining orders related to housing.

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