

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO
JUVENILE DIVISION

JAN MICHAEL LONG
JUVENILE COURT JUDGE
PICKAWAY COUNTY, OHIO

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ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

The Common Pleas Court of Pickaway County, Juvenile Division, makes the following findings of fact:

1. On March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike Dewine issues Executive Order 2020-01D “Declaring a State of Emergency” in response to the growing COVID-19 public health emergency.
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.

Based upon these Findings of Fact, the Juvenile Division of the Court of Common Pleas has developed protocol in response to this public health emergency. These protocols are intended to protect public health, maintain essential court functions, and continue to protect the rights of all individuals subject to the authority of the Court.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Local Rules of Court may be temporarily modified to allow Court flexibility, within Constitutional limits, in response to the public health emergency.
2. Court policies may be temporarily adjusted to maintain essential court operations and functions.
3. The Court authorizes the use of audiovisual devices and technologies for all actions and proceedings.
4. The Court has determined the public health emergency is a good cause for continuances.
5. All Civil, Delinquency, Unruly, Dependency, Neglect, Abuse matters scheduled between March 16, 2020 and April 13, 2020 for a hearing, will be continued for disposition to a future date, unless the Court notifies the parties and counsel otherwise.

6. This Court will have the lawful authority, within Constitutional limits, to do or direct to be done all things necessary to ensure the orderly and efficient administration of justice and public safety for the duration of the declared State of Emergency.

Cc: Pickaway County Bar Association
Pickaway County Prosecutor
Judge P. Randall Knece
James Dean, Clerk of Courts



Judge Jan Michael Long

Date

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