

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

JUDGMENT ENTRY

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

The Coshocton County Common Pleas Court, Juvenile Division, has decided to postpone all non-essential, non-emergency hearings through April 10, 2020. The intent of this action is to reduce the volume of persons entering our Court to help prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Emergency hearings and any hearing deemed time-sensitive by the individual Judge or Magistrate will be held as scheduled. Such hearings include preliminary hearings, emergency hearings, Civil Protection Order hearings, bond hearings, and shelter care hearings. However, where children are stabilized in appropriate placement or no emergency is found to exist, hearings will not automatically be considered "essential" unless otherwise so designated by the assigned Judge or Magistrate.

Court staff will be notifying affected parties to inform them of the postponed hearings for the week of March 23. For the weeks of March 30, and April 6, court staff will issue continuance orders and parties will be notified of re-scheduled hearing dates. Parties who are uncertain of their next court date may call the Clerk's office at 740-622-8969.

With respect to parenting time issues and the state-ordered school closures, parents who have shared parenting plans or custody orders should continue to follow those orders to the best of their abilities and in the spirit intended by the Court's order. Parents should continue to exchange their child(ren) as required by their parenting plans or custody orders as this has been designated "essential travel" by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health's Stay at Home Order. The "extended spring break" ordered by Governor DeWine as of March 17, 2020, DOES NOT extend the spring break period set forth in court-ordered parenting time schedules. Parties should adhere to all holiday and spring break schedules as designated by their schools at the beginning of the school year, or as set forth otherwise in their court order, regardless of recent changes. Parents should follow the regular parenting schedule during all other times, unless their orders specifically address school closures. The parties should also communicate about the location, health, and welfare of the children daily and should discuss travel plans and arrangements as required by their parenting plans or custody orders.

Any court-ordered, supervised parenting time scheduled at Family PACT is suspended until further order.

Parents who have court-ordered parenting time and test positive for COVID-19 shall immediately contact the Court's case management department at 740-622-8969.

The Court recognizes the importance of parenting time and companionship time and encourages parents to ensure children have frequent communication with parents and other relatives telephonically and electronically.

The changes outlined above shall continue through April 10, 2020, and we expect to return to normal operations on April 13, 2020. The Court shall re-evaluate the current COVID-19 outbreak status the week of April 6, 2020, and ascertain whether any further extension of curtailed operations is warranted.

This "Temporary Order" is ordered to be served on the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Conference, Coshocton County Court of Common Pleas General Division, Coshocton County Clerk of Courts, Coshocton County Bar Association, Coshocton County Prosecutor's Office, Coshocton County Public Defender's Office, Coshocton County Sheriff, Coshocton County General Health District, Coshocton County Board of Commissioners, the website of this court, and the media.

SO ORDERED.

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Van Blanchard II, Judge
COSHOCTON COUNTY, OHIO



VAN BLANCHARD II, JUDGE