

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**FROM: JUDGE SPEES
AUGLAIZE COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT
PROBATE, JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISIONS**

Due to the concerns of Coronavirus/Covid19, effective March 16, 2020 to April 30, 2020, the following changes will take effect:

1. All non-emergent hearings will be continued to a later date.
2. All pretrials and final pretrials will be conducted by telephone conference only. Court staff will contact the attorney's office involved to initiate the pretrial or final pretrial telephonic conference.
3. No presentation hearings will be scheduled but counsel will be required to file Entries on a date certain.
4. All attorneys will be requested to limit new case filings to only those that are emergent or time sensitive in nature. This is not a mandatory requirement but a voluntary request. Remember, fax filings are authorized. Probate/Juvenile Court Fax 419-738-1061 and Civil Criminal/Domestic Relations Fax 419-739-6768.
5. The Court will proceed as usual with children detained, abuse, neglect and dependency matters, domestic violence civil protection orders, cases with emergency orders, involuntary commitments, emergency guardianships and marriage license applications.
6. Any other matters may be considered on a case by case basis. This procedure remains in effect until April 30, 2020 subject to further extension or more serious restriction should circumstances dictate.

The Court is simply attempting to limit and contain any potential spread of Coronavirus by limiting person's contact with one another and others through court proceedings.

Cc: Adult Probation; Clerk of Courts; Common Pleas Court, General Division; Law Library; Municipal Court; Prosecuting Attorney; Public Defender; Victim Assistance; Courthouse Security; Sheriff; Title Department; Auditor; Board of Elections; Commissioners; Extension Office; Recorder; Technology; Treasurer; Veterans; Job and Family Services; All Attorneys