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DAVID B. BENNETT
JUDGE
GUERNSEY COUNTY, OHIO

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
GUERNSEY COUNTY, CAMBRIDGE, OHIO
PROBATE DIVISION

Due to the State of Emergency that has been found to exist in the State of Ohio and the United States of America at large as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Guernsey County Common Pleas Court, Probate/Juvenile Division makes the following orders:

- 1) All pretrials shall be conducted by telephone unless it is impracticable due to the number of attorneys on a particular case. Counsel shall communicate with the Court one (1) day prior to said pretrial to confirm in person or telephone pretrial. Parties associated with the case are not to appear at the Courthouse for said pretrial hearings, but are to be available to speak with their attorney upon completion of said pretrial.
- 2) All hearings and trials shall take place as scheduled unless continued by the Court. The Court will review the docket to determine which cases are time sensitive and which cases can be delayed for a short period of time and act accordingly.
- 3) Juvenile probation and programing will continue as scheduled with modifications to reporting, drug testing, programs, and community service, on a case by case basis. All persons coming to probation services will be prescreened by telephone to determine any health issues prior to their arrival at the Courthouse.
- 4) The Court shall remain open for business during regularly scheduled hours pending further orders of this Court.
- 5) Persons who are attending Court are on notice that only the parties, their parents and/or custodians, witnesses, attorneys, and law enforcement, should appear for hearings or trials. Family members and friends should not accompany persons who are attending Court unless they are witnesses so as to lessen the traffic in and out of the Courthouse.

This order shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days from today's date unless otherwise modified by the Court.



DAVID B. BENNETT, JUDGE