

COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS
UNION COUNTY, OHIO

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**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
UNION COUNTY, OHIO, GENERAL DIVISION**

In Re:

Case No. 20-MS-0023

**ORDER EXTENDING JUDICIAL EMERGENCY
AND CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF
THE COURT DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

JOURNAL ENTRY

On March 16, 2020, the undersigned Judge of the Union County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, declared a Judicial Emergency (see attached Exhibit A incorporated herein by reference). The Court made Orders regarding the continuity of court operations intended to protect public health, maintain essential court functions, while protecting the rights of all individuals subject to the Court’s authority. The Court hereby ORDERS that said JUDICIAL EMERGENCY be extended through May 31, 2020. Jury trials, both criminal and civil, are suspended until June 1, 2020.

It is further ORDERED that the Union County Courthouse shall remain open for court business only and under a state of “Open with Restrictions” as modified herein.

It is further ORDERED that to protect the health of our citizens and Court employees, anyone without specific business in the Courthouse is hereby prohibited from entry. Only

those individuals who are attorneys, parties, or witnesses will be permitted entry to the second floor of the Courthouse. All individuals seeking entry shall check in with security, provide proper identification, sign in with name address and contact information, answer all questions propounded, have their temperature taken, and go through the metal detector. Anyone who exhibits signs of illness shall be prohibited from entering. All individuals who are permitted entry into the courthouse shall practice social distancing and shall attempt, whenever possible, to keep a distance between themselves and others of 6 feet or more. This paragraph shall not apply to Union County employees.

The Union County Clerk of Courts is ordered to serve a copy of this Journal Entry upon the Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Conference, Union County Court of Common Pleas, Probate and Juvenile Division, Marysville Municipal Court, Union County Clerk of Courts, Union County Adult Probation Department, Union County APA, Union County Bar Association, Union County Prosecutor's Office, Union County Criminal Defense Lawyers, Union County Sheriff, Marysville Police Department, Ohio State Highway Patrol, Plain City Police Department, Richwood Police Department, Union County Health Commissioner, Union County Board of Commissioners, the website of this court, and the media.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 23, 2020



DON W. FRASER, JUDGE